

January Is "Make Your Will" Month

By Carey E. Cox
Executive Secretary

Mississippi Baptist Foundation
Settlement of an estate where there is a properly made will offers many advantages. A will permits you to choose the person who will be in charge of settling your estate.

When you choose the executor, you may relieve him of posting bond and the necessity of an inventory.

A will enables a person to retain control of how his estate is distributed. In administering an estate where the decedent dies without a will, the court cannot make allowances for special conditions within the family.

There are often many disadvantages to the widow with children when the

husband and father dies intestate.

A lawyer stated last week, "If a married man with four children and an estate of \$50,000 dies without a will, it is likely that under the intestate laws, one-third will go to his wife outright and one-sixth to each child to be held by a guardian until the child reaches age twenty-one.

Prior to this a guardian can only use the money for the child's needs." Think of a mother having to secure the guardianship of her children; secure permission to sell a piece of property to meet the needs of a child; and make reports to a court.

Do you say, "But my wife and I do not need wills because all of our property is held in joint ownership." Two things need to be said. First, what will happen to your estate should there be simultaneous deaths?

Three times in my ministry I have conducted funerals for husband and wife at the same time. Second, what about the surviving children? Their best interest can be written into a will.

Often the question is asked, "Can I write my own will?" A good lawyer last week said, "No! Irrevocably, absolutely no!"

The proper drafting of a will is a complex job which involves a thorough understanding of the laws applicable to wills.

There are times when a hand written will stands the test of probate but the risk is greater than we should take.

You are encouraged to make your will without delay. It has been said that when you need a will, it is too late to make one.

If you desire to make a Christian will leaving some part of your estate which will ultimately go to some area of the Lord's work, the Mississippi Baptist Foundation will gladly assist you.

This is a free service which your denomination offers.

Open Meeting To Be Held By Assemblies Committee Jan. 26

The assemblies committee appointed by the State Convention Board will hold an "open meeting" Tuesday morning, Jan. 26 at 10 o'clock in the chapel of the Baptist Building in Jackson, according to Dr. Beverly Tinnin, of Meridian, committee chairman.

Dr. Tinnin says that all who have a plan or an idea as to what the future course of assembly program in the state should be, are invited to come before the committee and state their opinion.

All who come will be heard, Dr. Tinnin added.

Other members of the committee are: Rev. Dan Morton, Amory; Rev. Gail DeBord, Long Beach; James Roberts, Oxford, and Ralph Reeves, McComb.

YOUR INVITATION TO PEACE OF MIND



MC TRUSTEES HOLD REGULAR MEETING

MEMBERS of the Mississippi College Board of Trustees pose for a formal picture before getting down to business during their last regular meeting at the college. Seated, left to right, are Nick Walker, Jackson; Aven Whittington, Greenwood; Dr. S. R. Woodson, Columbus; T. M. Hederman, Jr., Jackson, president; Dr. Bob Ramsay, Tupelo; Leland Speed, Jackson; Roy

Noble Lee, Forest; W. D. Lofton, Brookhaven; and Dr. John McCall, Vicksburg. Standing, left to right, are Robert Gandy, Jackson; Cecil Travis, Jackson; John Dickens, Leland; Dr. Russell McIntire, Clinton and William King Self, Marks. Not pictured is John Rogers, Morton. The fifteen trustees are appointed by the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

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Graham Hits WCC For Actions 'Outside Church Jurisdiction'

MONTREAT, N. C. (RNS) — Evangelist Billy Graham criticized the World Council of Churches here for actions he said are "totally outside the jurisdiction of the church."

Mr. Graham was commenting on the WCC's establishment of a fund opposing racism, with grants going to some agencies in southern Africa which have been accused of using violence against existing governments.

"When the World Council of Churches gave \$200,000 to some militant groups in Africa to carry on violence, the Archbishop of Canterbury criticized the Council," he said. "Well, I agree with him 100 per cent, but I go further."

"This week the London Telegraph carried a big story on the fact that the World Council of Churches had just voted \$200,000 to help Americans who desert from the military. This is totally outside the jurisdiction of the church."

"I don't think the American people who pay the overwhelming majority of the money to the World Council to support it are going to want the World Council of Churches giving money for this type of thing. I think more and more people are going to designate their money when they give to a local church—if their denomination belongs to the World Council."

"They'll designate it for local expenses or for missions. I think the World Council is making a very serious blunder and they're going to lose a lot of good will around the world except in Eastern Europe. They may please the Communists, but no one else."

"I believe in social action by the church," Mr. Graham said. "I believe the church has a social responsibility, but not exclusively; and in a lot of churches that's all they're doing. They've become humanistic organizations and they've left the Gospel and the Bible. What we need is balance in the church."

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Home Mission Board Appoints Three As Career Missionaries

ATLANTA (BP) — The Southern Baptist Home Mission Board here approved the appointment of a married couple as missionaries, and upgraded an associate missionary of several years to career missionary status.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Harpe were appointed directors of student work at the United States Military Academy, West Point, N. Y. Fermin Whitaker, a pastor for six years, was promoted to career missionary.

The Harpes are student work veterans having served at the University of Miami for four years and Florida State University six years.

Harpe, a native of Columbus, Ga., attended the University of Georgia, Columbus Branch, and graduated from Howard College (now Samford University), Birmingham, and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

Mrs. Harpe is a native of Phenix City, Ala.

She was employed for several years by Southern Bell Telephone Company and has recently been Forward Program secretary at First Baptist Church, Tallahassee, Fla.

Whitaker is a native of Colon, Republic of Panama.

But Miss Budget

SBC Gifts Top \$50 Million

NASHVILLE (BP) — For the first time in history, Southern Baptists passed the \$50 million mark in gifts to world mission causes through the denomination's Cooperative Program and through designated offerings to SBC mission causes.

Despite the record gifts, the denomination fell short of its overall Cooperative Program budget goal by \$332,926.

Gifts through the Cooperative Program unified budget totaled \$27,925,302 for the year — enough to pay in full the 1970 SBC operating budget goal, the balance of \$50,000 due on

1969 capital needs, plus \$117,074 on 1970 capital needs. A total of \$28,858,119 would have been needed to meet the overall goal.

The 1970 total budget goal included \$27,158,119 for operating funds of the 19 SBC agencies receiving Cooperative Program funds; \$650,000 in capital needs to finance building programs approved for 1969 but not distributed that year; plus \$1,050,000 in 1970 capital needs.

Under a clause in the 1971 SBC Cooperative Program budget adopted by the convention in Denver last June, any 1970 capital needs funds not dis-

tributed in 1970 will automatically be added on to the 1971 goal as a second priority to 1971 operating budget distributions. Another clause indicated that if 1970 receipts did not meet expectations, the SBC Executive Committee might revise downward the 1971 budget goal.

In its September meeting, the Executive Committee voted to delay until its February, 1971, meeting consideration of whether or not to revise the 1971 budget distributions after SBC seminary presidents had urged a delay in any decision. The implication (Continued On Page 2)



The Nationwide Bible Conference will feature numerous well-known biblical scholars. The five principal speakers will be (top left) Culbert Rutenber, professor, American Baptist Seminary of the West, Covina, Calif.; Billy Graham, world-famous evangelist; W. A. Criswell, pastor of First Baptist Church, Dallas; Dale Moody (lower left), professor, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville; and George Beasley-Murray, principal, Spurgeon's College, London, England.

Drug Abuse: New York's Death Rate Up 10-Fold In 15 Years

By Tammy Tanaka

Religious News Service Staff Writer
NEW YORK (RNS) — The nation's growing drug abuse problem is reflected in statistics released by federal narcotic agencies and officials in New York City. The death rate from drug abuse is the most serious.

Figures of the New York City medical examiner's office indicate that the death rate attributed to "chronic" use of narcotics has increased here more than ten-fold — from 102 in 1954 to 1,006 deaths in 1969.

The 1970 death toll as of Nov. 15 was 745 — 171 adolescents (aged 14-19) and 574 adults.

The Uniform Crime Reports for Drug Law Violations, issued by the U. S. Department of Justice, shows an increase of 322 per cent in total drug laws arrests from 1960 to 1968. Arrests of persons under 18 increased 1,864 per cent. The report excludes violations limited strictly to federal control.

New York City's police department reported that during the nine-month period from January to September of this year, narcotics arrests increased 70.2 per cent — from 23,395 arrests last year to 39,825.

Felony arrests during the period increased 92.6 per cent, rising from

10,448 to 20,127. Misdemeanor narcotic arrests in the city increased 52.1 per cent from 12,927 in 1969 to 19,698 this year.

Estimates of the number of heroin addicts in New York City range from about 7,000 to 10,000, according to the city's Addiction Services Agency. It recently disclosed that about 90 per cent of addicts were not receiving treatment of any kind.

The U. S. Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs — which depends entirely on voluntary reports by state and local authorities — set the number of active narcotic addicts in New York City at 30,119 for 1969.

Based on these voluntary reports, the bureau reported a total of 68,088 active addicts in the U. S. in 1969. This was cited as a 51.6 per cent increase in active addicts from the 1960 total of 44,900.

Active addicts under 21 years of age increased 173 per cent during the decade — up from 1,769 to 4,830. The New York City medical examiner's record of deaths related to chronic narcotism shows 199 died in 1960, 306 in 1965 and 656 in 1967. Of the 1,006 who died in 1969, 255 were under 19, with 11 of these under 15 years old.

An executive of the Manhattan Re-

habilitation Center — the only state supported center for female addicts in the city — indicated that the number flocking there has risen 300 per cent since 1967. The center is now attempting to rehabilitate about 1,200 a year. The average age of the girls is said to have dropped from about 24 to "a shade over 20."

During the 1960s, the racial pattern of drug addicts reversed itself, according to the report of the Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs. At the end of 1960, 41.6 per cent of total addicts were white, 56.9 per cent were Negro and 1.5 per cent were "all others." By the end of 1969,

whites made up 50.8 per cent of total addicts, 48.8 per cent were black and 0.4 per cent were others.

In its analysis of the 1969 Uniform Crime Report, the bureau observed that from 1964 to 1968 there has been an increase of 129.4 per cent in heroin or cocaine arrests; 293.1 per cent increase in synthetic narcotics arrests; 356.1 per cent in dangerous drugs arrests, and 695.4 per cent in marijuana arrests.

New York City — which has about half the nation's addicts — topped the bureau's list of the "10 leading cities" with 30,119 active narcotic addicts re-

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FIRST STEP IN EXPANSION program of First Baptist Church saw ribbon-cutting Sunday morning at former commercial building on North State street, for Sunday School use. Pictured from left, Mrs. Pearl Gilfoy, teacher, Mrs. M. B. Grenfell, John W. Roberts, vice-chairman of deacons, Boston Criswell, pioneer teacher of department, Deacon Chairman Paul Moak, Mrs. W. G. Mize, teacher, Rev. Larry

Rohrman, pastor, Henry Hederman, finance chairman, Miss Gladys Clement, W. Baldwin Lloyd, teaching leader, Horace Kerr, educational director, Randall Craft, department director, and Earnest Moss, Assembly feature leader. In lower picture, beside sign identifying new use for the building, Bill Brunson, outreach leader, and Owen Gregory, chairman Long Range Planning committee.

Jackson's First Church Has Success In Expansion Plan

Due to rapid growth in membership in recent months, the First Baptist Church of Jackson has embarked on a \$1.5 million expansion program. A campaign was initiated to raise \$800,000 in cash and three-year pledges, with \$900,000 to be borrowed.

But the pastor, Rev. Larry Rohrman, announced to the congregation Sunday that the current effort had produced over \$1 million, with other work still to be done. Coinciding with the announcement came utilization of the first of three properties already purchased in the expansion, the former National Cash Register building

at 519 North State, now adapted for use by Sunday School Adult Department No. 3.

Following the ribbon-cutting before a record attendance for the department, Mr. Rohrman made this statement to the congregation at the morning worship service, at which 19 new members were received:

"The First Baptist Church of Jackson has a long history of accomplishing the almost impossible with God's help. Therefore, it was no surprise when the Church voted last July 19 to initiate a one and a half million dollar expansion program.

"For several months a host of our church members under the leadership

quietly canvassing our membership trying to encourage gifts to the campaign so that our church could expand its program to meet the needs of the challenging seventies. The campaign was begun, with a minimum goal of \$800,000 however, of course, it was desired to raise as much as possible so that a minimum amount would need to be borrowed.

"I am happy to have the privilege to announce to you the present status of the program. In any other church in the state or maybe the Southern Baptist Convention these figures would be unbelievable; however, with God's spirit leading in our midst and a wonderful dedicated membership who have given, not only generously but sacrificially, we are happy to report to you that last week we went over the one million dollar mark, with many more of our membership yet to be contacted.

"If you have not been contacted yet, I feel certain you will be soon. If you are over-anxious to give, please contact the church office and some one will be sent to see you immediately. We have done well but we need more. It seems appropriate to me at this time for us to stand and sing the doxology."—Jackson Clara Ledger.



Pineview, Moss Point, Ordination Story Printed Incorrectly

In the Dec. 31 issue of the Baptist Record there was carried the story of the ordination of two men, Rev. Robert D. Powers and Rev. Gerald Ladner, by the Pineview Church of Moss Point.

Due to typographical error the story was incorrect in about one-third of the papers. The error was discovered soon after the run began, and was corrected in most of the issues. However, since it was incorrect in so many of the papers we repeat part of it as follows:

"Rev. Robert D. Powers was ordained August 30. He has been called as pastor of Franklin Creek Mission which is sponsored by the Kreole Avenue Church. Mr. Powers and Mrs. Powers, the former Margaret Cook, are natives of Pascagoula. They are the parents of two, Robert Jr., and Lana Kay.

Rev. Zeno Wells, superintendent of missions for Jackson County, and Rev. Robert Dunn, pastor of Pineview Church, participated in the ordination service.

A reception was held following the service, honoring the Powers.

The rest of the story which told of the ordination of Rev. Gerald Ladner was correct.

(We regret that the typographical error was made, but it was at the printer's and not in our offices. As soon as we discovered the error, it was corrected by the printer, so most readers had the correct story.—Editor)

Most experts agree that the children of alcoholic mothers often suffer irreparable psychological damage. One minute the mother may smother her youngsters with love, while a few hours later she may shriek at them for no reason at all while she staggers around the house in a vain attempt to do her housework. from the 1968 issue "LISTEN"

Parents, Sister, Of Youth Leader's Wife Killed In S. America

Rev. and Mrs. Robert Lytton, and their daughter, Amy, were killed in the crash of a light plane in a remote region of the Andes Mountains along the Chile-Argentina border, on the 4th day of January. Surviving the crash was the Lyttons' 13-year-old son, Robert Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Lytton were Presbyterian missionaries, serving in a Brazilian seminary, and were returning to their field after a furlough in the United States. They had left Jackson just two days after Christmas.

The Lyttons were the parents of Mrs. Justin Alfred, whose husband has been serving as Youth Director of the First Baptist Church, Columbia, a position he had just resigned in order to move to New Orleans where he is a student at New Orleans Baptist Seminary. Also surviving is a brother, William D. Lytton, who is a student at Belhaven College in Jackson.

During their recent furlough the Lyttons had resided in Jackson. They were supported, in part, by the First Presbyterian Church, Jackson.

The surviving son, Robert Jr., suffered some second degree burns and a broken foot or ankle. He now has been brought to a hospital in Charleston, S. C., and will be returned to Jackson when it is possible for him to be moved. His surviving brother and sister have flown to South Carolina to be with him.

Memorial services for the Lyttons were held in Shreveport, La., on Friday, January 8. The Lyttons formerly were from that area, and Mr. Lytton's mother still lives near that city.

An official of the Presbyterian Mission Board under which the Lyttons worked flew to South America to help care for the surviving son, and to assist in arranging for the return of the bodies. It now is hoped that they can be flown back to Shreveport the last of this week.

C. M. HANSON: Praise is like a plow set to go deep into the soil of believers' hearts. It lets the glory of God into the details of daily living.

Drug Abuse

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corded in 1969. Other high cities were: Chicago, 5,633; Detroit, 2,587; Los Angeles, 2,164; Baltimore, 1,943; District of Columbia, 1,830; New York, 1,560; Philadelphia, 1,502; Buffalo, 77; and Paterson, N. J. 763.

The 10 leading states or districts were: New York, 33,341; California, 7,516; Illinois, 5,729; New Jersey, 4,624; Michigan, 2,817; Maryland, 2,138; Pennsylvania, 1,853; District of Columbia, 1,636; Texas, 1,377; Louisiana, 778.

High changes in ratio of addiction to population were indicated in several states between 1960 and 1968. The bureau report shows the ratio in Baltimore leaped from 1 in 3,131 to 1 in 408; in Philadelphia from 1 in 5,108 to 1 in 798; in Buffalo from 1 in 2,089 to 1 in 694.

New Jersey had the highest increase in the number of active addicts reported between 1968 and 1969—a rise of 1,232. Active addicts reported in New York increased by 1,101, in Michigan by 741 and the District of Columbia by 474.

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Nationwide Bible Conference

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lege, London, England. Following, a panel will discuss the topic "Let's Talk About Hope." Panel members will be Herschel H. Hobbs, Kenneth L. Chafin, Duke D. McCall, Theodore F. Adams and T. A. Patterson.

The last half of the morning and the entire afternoon program will be devoted to simultaneous conferences. Each participant may choose from among forty-five groups that will study selected portions of the Bible. Each study will run continuously throughout the week.

Dr. Charles A. Myers, pastor of Alta Woods Baptist Church, Jackson, Miss., will lead a conference titled "Christian Compassion And Hunger."

In the afternoon, however, the participant may select three of the forty conferences on the overall theme "The Bible Speaks to Contemporary Concerns," and attend a different one each afternoon.

Registration is being conducted by the Sunday School department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, which is cosponsoring the conference with the Baptist General Convention of Texas and the Dallas Baptist Association. A registration fee of \$10 per person covers the cost of in-

surance, program materials, and a copy of a new book prepared for the conference by Ralph Murray—"The Biblical Shape of Hope."

Registration forms may be requested from the Sunday School Department, 127 Ninth Avenue, North, Nashville, Tenn. 37203.

Hotels And Motels Nationwide Bible Conference

Hotel	Single Rate	Double Bed (2 Persons)	Twin Bed (2 Persons)	Suite
1. Adelphi	\$14.00-\$20.00	\$18.00-\$24.00	\$18.00-\$24.00	\$45.00-up
2. Baker	\$12.00-\$18.00	\$16.00-\$22.00	\$16.00-\$22.00	\$37.00-up
3. Barton Hotel	\$14.00-\$20.00	\$18.00-\$24.00	\$18.00-\$24.00	\$41.00-up
4. Cedar Hill	\$14.00-\$20.00	\$18.00-\$24.00	\$18.00-\$24.00	\$39.00-up
5. Fairmont	\$22.00-\$34.00	\$28.00-\$42.00	\$28.00-\$42.00	\$59.00-up
6. Holiday Inn - Downtown	\$14.50-\$19.00	\$20.75-\$27.75	\$20.75-\$27.75	\$39.00-up
7. Seashell	\$ 8.25-\$10.25	\$10.75-\$12.75	\$10.75-\$12.75	\$29.00-up
8. Shiloh Travelodge	\$10.50	\$14.00	\$14.00	\$29.00-up
9. Lynn Hotel	\$ 8.00	\$11.00	\$11.00	\$29.00-up
10. North Johnson - East	\$ 9.50-\$11.00	\$12.00-\$13.50	\$12.00-\$13.50	\$25.00-up
11. White Plains	\$17.00-\$22.00	\$22.00-\$28.00	\$22.00-\$28.00	\$40.00-up
12. West House	\$12.00-\$16.00	\$16.00-\$20.00	\$16.00-\$20.00	\$30.00-up
13. Wilmore Hotel				
14. Holiday Inn - Regal Row				
15. Harbort Hotel	\$11.00-\$13.00	\$14.00	\$14.00	\$29.00-up
16. Holiday Inn - Market Center	\$14.50-\$20.00	\$19.00	\$19.00	\$37.00-up
17. Quality Motor Inn	\$10.00-\$12.00	\$14.00	\$14.00	\$29.00-up
18. Travelodge - Oak Cliff				
19. Alamo Plaza	\$ 8.00	\$ 9.50	\$11.00	\$16.00-up
20. Executive Inn				
21. Holiday Inn - Love Field				
22. Holiday Inn - Love Field	\$18.00-\$22.00	\$24.00-\$29.00	\$24.00-\$29.00	\$50.00-up
23. Holiday Inn - Central				
24. Holiday Inn - Central				
25. Holiday Inn - Central	\$12.00-\$14.00	\$16.00-\$18.00	\$16.00-\$18.00	\$29.00-up
26. Holiday Inn - Central	\$ 8.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$29.00-up
27. Holiday Inn - North	\$15.00-\$18.00	\$19.00-\$22.00	\$19.00-\$22.00	\$31.00-up
28. Sheraton Hotel	\$12.50-\$15.00	\$16.00-\$20.00	\$17.00-\$20.00	\$31.00-up

SBC Gifts Top \$50 Million

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was that if receipts for 1970 were down, the budget goal for 1971 might have to be revised in February.

The final tally indicated that Cooperative Program contributions for 1970 increased 1.79 per cent over 1969 gifts—a dollar increase of \$401,862.

John Williams, financial planning secretary for the SBC Executive Committee, said that the increase was even less than expected because of a "bad December" in Cooperative Program giving.

During the month of December, Cooperative Program gifts were nearly six per cent less than December of 1969. During the last month of 1970, Cooperative Program contributions were \$2,041,985 compared to \$2,171,888 in December of 1969, a decrease of \$129,903.

Porter W. Routh, executive secretary of the SBC Executive Committee, said that all Baptists should rejoice that the total mission gifts have gone over the \$50 million mark for the first time.

"The disturbing fact is," Routh continued, "that we finished 1970 still owing \$932,726 on 1970 capital funds approved by the convention."

Routh said that statistical projections indicate that if 1971 gifts increase at the same rate as 1970 contributions, the SBC "will complete 1971 with a \$2 million deficit in capital funds, a \$722,000 deficit in total operating funds, and even a \$191,000 deficit in the 7.32 per cent safety valve voted by the convention."

"A great new concern and surge in Cooperative Program gifts will be needed in 1971 to avoid these deficits and make possible continued growth in missions and education," Routh said.

While Cooperative Program gifts during 1971 increased nearly half-a-million dollars over 1969 contributions, gifts to designated causes during the year stayed at virtually the same level as 1969 designations—up only .03 per cent.

Designated gifts for 1970 were \$22,305,174 compared to \$22,297,719 in

1969, an increase of \$7,455.

Of the \$50 million in total gifts, more than \$41 million went to support Southern Baptist home and foreign mission efforts.

During 1970, the SBC Foreign Mission Board received a total of \$30.8 million, including \$14.1 million through the Cooperative Program \$16.7 million in designated offerings, most of it through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

The SBC Home mission Board received \$10.8 million during the year, with almost equal amounts—\$5.4 million—coming from the Cooperative Program and designated offerings.

The total amount reflected in the report from the SBC Executive Committee included only funds given to support national and worldwide SBC mission causes, and did not include amounts given to local and state mission efforts by Southern Baptists.

The middle of the road may not be the most exciting place to be, but at least you'll be further from the ditch—on either side.



Chaplain At Mayo Clinic

ROCHESTER, Minn. — Captain B. J. Williamson visits with a patient and family in one of Rochester's hospitals. Usually patients are visited about three times a week although patients in critical condition are called on daily. Mr. Williamson is one of 27 chaplains of various denominations in Rochester, with a ministry centered around the internationally known Mayo Clinic. The chaplains' positions are unique because patients sometimes represent a cross section of all 50 states, as well as foreign nations. The clinic registers more than 197,000 persons annually, many with serious illnesses or conditions that require surgery. Because Mayo is purely a diagnostic clinic, these persons are either outpatients staying in local hotels or patients in the 650-bed Methodist Hospital or the 950-bed St. Mary's Roman Catholic Hospital.—(RNS PHOTO)

Graham Hits

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Mr. Graham also said, "No President today can possibly unite the country."

"We are divided already and have been and always will be," he held. "We are divided into different religious denominations, we're divided ethnically, racially, we're divided politically, and it's impossible for us to be what's called united. We can work together in harmony but there's always politics and disagreement and this is one of the great things about America. They don't allow dissent at all in the Soviet Union. You can't say anything against the government. They go out and arrest those people who do."

"Today, we have freedom... in the United States, so it's impossible for the President to bring us together in the sense that some people think we ought to be, all homogenous and be one. We'll never be that except by force, and we certainly don't want force and suppression."

Court Enjoins Bond Firm On Securities Violations

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Two weeks before a hearing in federal district court here, the Securities and Exchange Commission, office in Atlanta filed with the court here an 11-page list of charges against Guaranty.

The seven counts charged failure to have net capital equal to one-twentieth of its aggregate indebtedness, failure to keep books and records in accordance to SEC rules, failure to disclose to customers commissions received by Guaranty according to SEC rules, and failure to obtain certain transactions.

Another charge claimed the use of mail and interstate commerce to sell securities by "means of manipulative, deceptive and other fraudulent devices and contrivances" such as full and complete disclosures of fees and commissions, thus obtaining "secret profits."

The SEC also charged that the funds from the sale of bonds were to be used only for the purpose stated in the bond issue, while actually Guaranty as custodian reinvested the funds in other church bonds.

During the hearing, the attorney for the defendants, and Huey, as a witness, admitted to many of the violations, and said in their defense that Guaranty began a crash program to comply with the regulations once they learned of the SEC's complaint.

"We are not renegades," said Frank S. King Jr., attorney for the defendants. He added that except for the SEC's complaint, the firm had never been a defaulter on a guarantee of computing Guaranty's net capital, "this suit would not have been necessary in that the defendant has a reputation of being cooperative and the charges contained in the bill of complaint could have been cured if the same had first been called to defendant's attention."

In his summation argument, King

told the judge that if the court interpreted the net capital computation rule using the same method employed by the SEC, "then this business will close down and 80 or more churches will be hurt."

Judge Leland Clure Morton responded that he had no choice but to "find they have violated each one of the items" in the complaint. "There is no question of the facts," he said. His ruling upheld the SEC charges. The attorney pointed out that in the 11 years of operation as the largest church bond firm in the South, there had never been a default on a guarantee.

Judge Morton responded by saying: "That just shows that the market has not been that soft. If a really hard depression had hit, it would have blown this high."

The next day, the judge handed down his decision in a 10-page preliminary injunction, and Guaranty temporarily closed its offices.

"The Desperate Need Of A Holy Fire..."

By Edwin McNeely

A man by the name of Moses, a sheep-herder, who worked for his father-in-law, a Priest of Midian, one day took his sheep to the back side of the desert to find pasture for them. While watching his sheep graze, he saw a bush burning, but it was not

consumed. Moses got excited, and "turned aside to see the thing." He got caught. Any time you "turn aside to see what God is doing," you will surely get caught. Out of the burning bush God spoke to Moses, called his name, and Moses answered, "Here am I." That was all that God wanted

of him. That fire that Moses saw and talked to made him a five-star general, a law-giver, and one of God's greatest prophets. At that very moment, Moses was only eighty years old, and in Egypt he had earned four doctors' degrees, namely, a PH.D., a Doctor of Science, a Doctor of Laws, and a Doctor of Ethics. Today, that line-up of degrees would certainly qualify a man to hold a good job herding sheep. Not so Moses. When he heard God, and answered Him, "Yes, Lord," he was commissioned to bring the Children of Israel out of bondage.

Modern man takes the world by the tail, and assumes command of all he sees. Poor stupid, helpless man—in all his great masterful learning he has not discovered that "without God" man is utterly undone, lost forever! He never sees a BURNING BUSH! Moses did, and his heart was set aflame for Jehovah God. What a man he was!

Elijah had something to do with fire. He had a battle with four hundred and fifty priests of Baal. He was very brave at that moment. He knew he was going to win, so he laughed at the priests in their effort to bring down fire on their altar. Elijah prayed and God gave him a full measure of FIRE. What a victory for Elijah and the Children of Israel! After that fiery demonstration, Elijah chickened out when a bad woman got after him. He had another encounter with fire; a big one—but he didn't hear anything. Afterward he did hear a "still small voice" that came from the Lord. He found peace and rest.

Just how anxious is God to save the lost? "Behold, the Lord will come with fire." "For as by fire and by his sword will the Lord plead with all flesh" (Isa. 66:15a-16a). With fire the Lord calls for men to hear and believe. A warm-hearted Christian can be used of God in proclaiming the Good News, and lost men will see the fire and hear the word. Did you ever see a Christian working and serving the Lord whose heart was cold? Just

what kind of service are you offering to God? Are you serving God with a cold heart? Better get warm, then hot, then afire! Remember God is going to try your works with fire. Let Jesus have full sway in your heart and he will give you a heart ablaze with his precious love. Then, and then only will your service be what it can be for Christ.

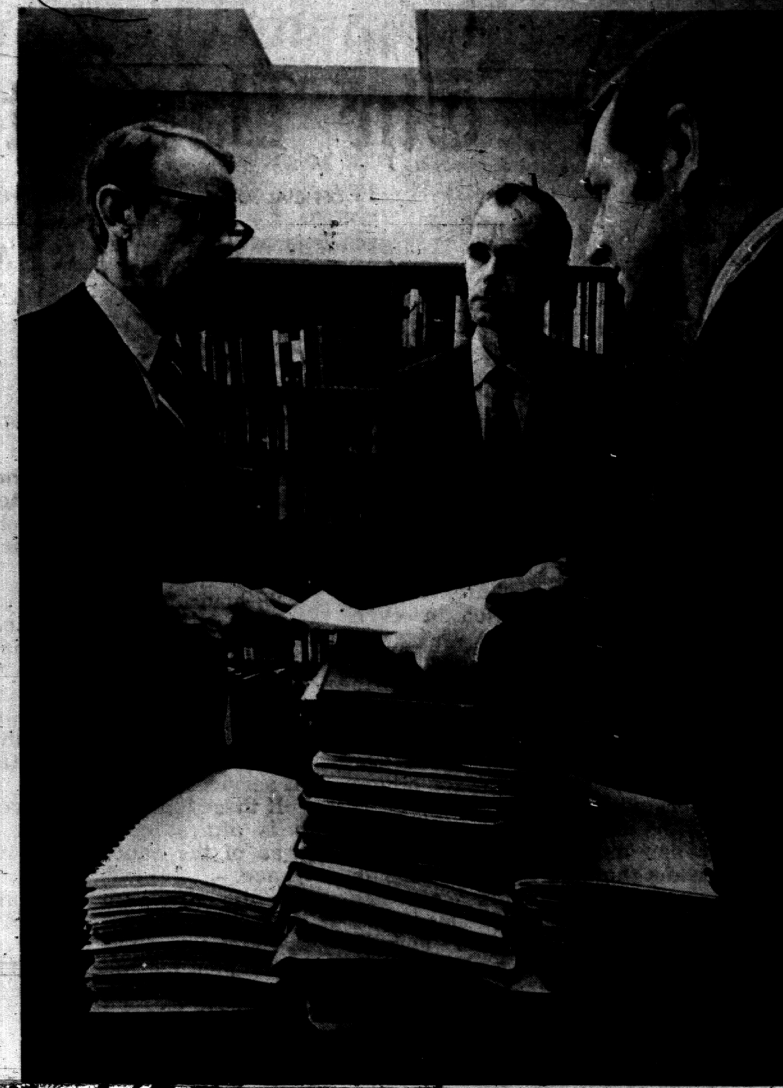
It is not possible that ALL your way will be pretty, happy, and serene, for you will have Satan and the whole world fighting you, for the world hates you and your service. If you are serving God with a heart afire, you will be taunted, persecuted, cursed and hindered at every turn of the road. All this will seem nothing when you remember that you shall rejoice "When Jesus is revealed from heaven in flaming fire." What a contrast to the fate of a lost man! He that knows not God, when death comes, will spend eternity in a fire that will never burn out! "Turn aside and see this thing!" This may be your last call!

Do you grow weary in the service of Christ? Hear what Jeremiah said when he was having a terrible time trying to get the Children of Israel to turn from their wicked ways. He was very low in spirit, but his heart was afire. He said, "I will not make mention of Him, nor speak any more his name. But his word was in my heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I was weary with my forbearing, and I could not stay" (Jer. 20:9).

John the Baptist ran into some fire, and he knew about a hot heart. He baptized with water, but Jesus baptized with the Holy Ghost and with FIRE! At Pentecost the one hundred and twenty were baptized with the Holy Ghost and with fire, and Jesus let them see the fire. What a sight for those people! Brother! Those "cloven tongues like as of fire" were transferred to the throats of those trembling, anxious 120 from the ten-day prayer meeting, and with tongues on fire they witnessed to the thousands of lost peoples in the streets, speaking to each in his native tongue. What happened? 3,000 souls were added to the church. When the Holy Ghost has free access to a warm heart of a Christian, the Good News, radiant, glowing brightly, is gladly received.

With so much expressed in the Bible about fire, spiritual power, conversion, the horrible condition of a lost man, careless living on the part of Christians, no urge to tell the story, and little concern for the Great Salvation brought to us by our blessed Lord, how can we sit idly by, cold and unconcerned?

Could there be any truth in the story going the rounds just now? "Church people will yell like wild Comanches at a football game, but sit like a wooden Indian in a worship service." We are in desperate need of a holy FIRE in the pews of our churches, as well as in our pulpits. I have led the singing in more than fifty revivals in the past few years; not more than ten or so were really hot for Christ. Some were warm, some hot, and some were ablaze with concern for the lost. Many churches were cool, cold and very proper. A few souls were saved in all the revivals—more in warm churches, many in hot churches. Scores were saved in churches afire for Christ, shining in flaming testimony for Christ. How come? THE HOLY SPIRIT BURNED IN THE HEARTS OF GOD'S PEOPLE!



Hastings' Manuscripts Given Historical Commission

Robert J. Hastings, left, turns over to the SBC Historical Commission in Nashville, Tennessee, a collection of 700 manuscripts, articles, editorials, curriculum materials, sermons, and stewardship notebooks which he has written since 1940. Research director Lynn E. May, center, said this is the only collection received by the Commission which includes everything that any one author has written. Ben J. Connell, right, represented the SBC Brotherhood Commission at the presentation, as Hastings' first article was printed in the *Brotherhood Journal* in 1948, when George W. Schroeder was editor. The collection will be microfilmed and additions made to it annually. Hastings has been editor of the *ILLINOIS BAPTIST* in Carbondale since 1967. He is a graduate of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, and Southern Illinois University.

The Media And The Message

PRIME TIME FOR THE GOOD NEWS

Rarely has the evangel enjoyed such wide exposure on the media as in the past few weeks. Readers of newspapers and magazines and viewers of TV by the millions have been reminded that the promise of life abundantly and eternally still is in Jesus Christ.

On Mike Douglas' "Today" show, Oral Roberts and Pat Boone casually chatted about their commitment to the Saviour.

"I can't heal anybody," Evangelist Roberts emphasized. "Only God can heal. I can come to you with the Gospel of Christ. I can point (people) to Christ. . . . God has to intervene if any help is given." At midnight on the Dick Cavett Show, Kathryn Kuhlman of Pittsburgh was interviewed by guest hostess Candy Bergen. The fifth star told Miss Kuhlman that she had several times tried without success to get into the Los Angeles Shrine Auditorium to hear the evangelist. In reply to Miss Bergen's earnest seeking after spiritual matters, Kathryn Kuhlman clearly and simply outlined the plan of redemption. To viewers, it was almost like eavesdropping on a private conversation. It seemed that the hostess forgot the cameras entirely and was seeking for herself a personal encounter with God through Christ.

On the Jim Nabors variety show, Dale Evans Rogers came on singing with the chorus, "When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder."

And for three nights the splendor of the Billy Graham Crusade in Louisiana belonged to the TV viewers in homes across the nation.

Enquirer Magazine for December published another article by British critic Malcolm Muggeridge titled, "The Decade of the Great Liberal Death Wish." In it he clearly stated his belief in Christ as man's only hope.

At the most recent convention of the Evangelical Press Association, President Sherwood E. Wirt appealed to the journalists to seize the opportunities of the media. "There is no limit to the outreach, influence or effectiveness of the Christian journalist who is prepared to train himself and to make himself available as a servant of God's Word," Dr. Wirt said.

The media are indeed ours, and the more so as a spiritually starved nation of individuals turns aside on the broad road to hear the Truth.—NBR.

Inter-Varsity Delegates Told Of Evangelism-Social Issue Ties

URBANA, Ill. (RNS) — The efforts of many evangelical Protestants to draw evangelism and social concerns more closely together was reflected throughout the ninth Missionary Convention of the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship here.

Some 10,000 students, mostly from the U. S. and Canada, grappled with such topics as student power, "revolution," racism, relations with non-Christians and education during the Christmas-New Year's holiday.

Theme of the convention was "World Evangelism: Why? How? Who?" The Rev. David M. Howard, missionary director of Inter-Varsity Christian Missions Fellowship, said in a keynote address that the choice between evangelism and social concerns is not "either-or."

He said that mission enterprises have made mistakes in the past and that the church has "been guilty of a lack of social concern." Mr. Howard asked young people not to side with those who say "forget evangelism, Bible study and foreign missions and concentrate on the true issue of today."

He said that race relations, economic injustice and imperialism are burning issues which go along with the evangelistic concern of Christians. And Mr. Howard reminded the students of the large role the young have played in missionary work.

"In tracing the history of the modern missionary movement," he said, "it is a remarkable fact that students have played a decisive role in most, if not all, of the greatest forward movements of the church in world evangelism. It has been through their vision and energy that the church has often been propelled into renewed efforts of outreach."

Many convention speakers described various aspects of the modern world scene in which Christian evangelists must work. A series of workshops and seminars followed.

Basic evangelical theology was related to the contemporary human situation by evangelist Leighton Ford, a member of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association.



Left to right: Moderator, C. C. Bobo; Rev. A. R. Smith; Clerk, Rev. James E. Justice.

Smith Retires

Rev. Alvin R. Smith, associational missionary, Zion Association, has retired after serving 15 years. At the end of the "M" Night program, December 7, at Waltham Church, Mr. Smith was honored upon his retirement. He was presented with the following proclamation, and a check from the churches of Zion Association. The moderator, C. C. Bobo, and the associational clerk, Rev. James E. Justice, gave the check and read the proclamation.

"TO ALVIN REED SMITH: After 15 years, you are leaving us as our missionary. These have been fruitful and helpful years that have called for your best, but God has supplied the needed support to you in your service to us, Zion Association. We all are sorry to see you leave us, but we know that the earth turns, and as we turn our calendars and find that 1970 finds you 67 years of age, we know that you have earned your retirement and we wish to you many long and joyful years to continue to serve your Lord and God. We hope that we, the churches of Zion Association, may be of service to you many times in the future. Feel free to call upon us. This check is a small token of our appreciation from the churches of Zion Association for services rendered. May the Lord bless and keep you in our prayer."

Dr. Ford, exploring the question "Is Man Really Lost?" lamented that an earlier Christian conviction that the "most important thing in the world is to bring man to salvation in Christ" today suffers from "tired blood."

He urged serious attention to the biblical message of God's wrath. "All of man's alienations . . . come because man is under the wrath of God," he said, contrasting this to the love and reconciliation God also offers in Jesus Christ.

If you're looking for the secret of good health and long life, here's a classic bit of advice from the fabulous old baseball pitcher, Satchel Paige: "Avoid friend meats which angry up the blood. If your stomach dis-

cool thoughts. Keep the juices flowing by jangling around, gently as you move. Go light, very light on the vices, such as carrying around in society. The social rumble ain't restful. Avoid running at all times. Don't look back. Something might be gaining on you."

It is easy to be critical. The real test is to come up with constructive alternatives.

Use Your Sleepless Hours

By S. L. Morgan, Sr.

In earlier life I spent sleepless hours tossing and worrying. But long ago I learned how to make most of those sleepless hours useful and happy. Sometimes in prayer. A godly minister friend grew to sainthood by spending all his sleepless hours in prayer. Sometimes I have prayed sleepless worry into victory and peace—then sleep.

Mainly my sleepless hours follow four patterns: (1) Reading one of the great books kept waiting beside me (2) Jotting down on a pad a program for the day, or thoughts for an important letter, or an article to be written, for waking thoughts are vivid and reliable usually; (3) Committing to memory some of the great gems from the Bible, the great hymns, or the finest gems from the poets (4) Reading mentally or aloud from those gems in the memory, or glancing at them to keep the memory of them fresh.

I write this to urge the value of this last as a life-habit, that of storing the memory with the finest gems of literature, sacred and secular, then daily both using the storehouse and enlarging its contents.

From boyhood through all the decades since, I have carried in my memory scores of the great hymns, psalms, and other Scriptures, and poems from the masters. I hold them fresh by daily thinking them through—as I dress, or travel, or in those sleepless night hours. I find much mental employment far more enjoyable and profitable than to leave the mind a prey to random, idle thoughts. It keeps mind and soul alive and growing.

"Even Down to Old Age"

Even down to the present I continue to add to the store of gems in my memory. I count it folly for one to say he cannot memorize at the age of 70 or 80. I testify. In recent months I have added to my store of memory gems Kipling's "If," Foss's "House by the Side of the Road," several choice stanzas from Wordsworth's "Intimations of Immortality," York's "I Shall Not Pass This Way Again," Babcock's "Be Strong," Cook's "How Did You Die?" and two of the greatest Bible passages, Isaiah 38 and Romans 8:26-39, this last in the translation of RSV, if only for the improved rendering in verse 28, "We know that in everything God works for good with those who love him."

Sight reading in the night often hurls me to sleep. But if sleep tarries, I often turn a sleepless hour to delight by reading from memory, silently or

aloud, maybe for an hour, some of the gems stored in my memory through all the years.

Hoping a suggestion may stimulate others to memory work, I name some of my memory gems:

1. Great Bible passages: Psalms 1, 19, 23, 27, 34, 46, 51, 90, 91, 103, 116, 121, 130; Ecc. 12:1-7; Isaiah 53; Matt. 5:1-12; John 14; Rom. 8:26-39; 1 Cor. 13; 15; 50-58; Rev. 21:1-7; 22:1-5.

2. Of great hymns: Rock of Ages; O God, Our Help; How Firm a Foundation; When I Survey the Wondrous Cross; Nearer, My God, to Thee; Jesus, Lover of My Soul; Lead, Kindly Light, My Feet Unslipping On; Sun of My Soul; O Love that Wilt Not Let Me Go; Just as I Am; Abide with Me.

3. Some favorite poems: Kipling's "If," and "Recessional"; Whittier's "Eternal Goodness" and "Dear Lord and Father"; Tennyson's "Crossing of the Bar"; Foss's "House by the Side of the Road"; York's "I Shall Not Pass This Way Again."

Others will choose differently, but these and many others have proved a rich and enriching store laid up in my memory.

SBC President Given Room Key Of Hotel Where He Found Christ

NEW ORLEANS (BP)—The president of the Southern Baptist Convention returned to the spot where he made a dramatic decision 36 years ago to accept Christ, and received a plaque giving him mementos of the occasion.

In 1934, Carl E. Bates, just out of

high school in Liberty, Miss., came to New Orleans seeking his fortune. During that post depression era, he was unable to find a job.

Hungry and depressed, he went to the back entrance of the old De Soto Hotel on Baronne Street asking for any kind of work they might offer.



Carl E. Bates, President of the Southern Baptist Convention, is presented a plaque with special significance at the First church of New Orleans. Shown left to right are Thomas E. Smith, deacon at First church, who was responsible for the plaque; Bates, and J. D. Gray, pastor, who made the presentation.

He got a job washing dishes, providing his room and board. Later on, he worked in the hotel's print shop, served as a bellhop and a night clerk.

In deep spiritual need—even to the point of considering suicide as the only way out—Bates began to read a Gideon Bible one night in his hotel room. He fell on his knees in prayer, and committed his life to God. He went back home, made his full commitment to Christ and accepted a call to the ministry.

Today Bates, 56, is president of the nation's largest Protestant denomination, and is pastor of the First Baptist Church of Charlotte, N. C.

During a recent visit to New Orleans to speak at the annual Brotherhood missions dinner at First Baptist Church here, Bates was surprised by the presentation of a wall plaque displaying unique mementos of his experience 34 years earlier.

J. D. Gray, pastor of the church and himself a former president of the Southern Baptist Convention, made the presentation.

The plaque, made from a piece of the DeSoto Hotel where Bates made his dramatic decision, featured the brass numerals, "244," and the key to the room, which had been gold-plated along with its identification tab.

An inscription on the plaque read: "Presented to Dr. Carl E. Bates, president, Southern Baptist Convention, by First Baptist Church, New Orleans, Dr. J. D. Gray, pastor,

Dec. 15, 1970. From the door to the room in the DeSoto Hotel where Dr. Bates found the Lord, Aug. 28, 1934."

Gray explained that the DeSoto Hotel is presently undergoing complete renovation and will be reopened as a \$5 million luxury hotel to be renamed LaPavillon.

The associate pastor of the church, Ernest R. Wells, contacted the building superintendent in charge of the work at the building, and was able to obtain the door to the room, the key, and the numerals. A deacon in the church, Thomas E. Smith, made the plaque from the wooden door.

Gray, in making the presentation, said that the plaque served not only as an expression of appreciation "to our great Baptist leader, but as a tribute to the saving grace of our Lord Jesus Christ."

The incidence of liver damage was correlated with drinking habits in three groups of men. The first group was 30 years old (a total of 450 men). Of a total of 88 workers with liver damage, 64 were moderate to heavy drinkers. The alcohol consumption of most of these men was almost entirely in the form of beer. The conclusions of the study showed that excessive beer consumption can lead to liver damage. . . . from recent issue of *Rutgers Journal of Studies on Alcohol*.

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EDITORIALS

Ten Per Cent Advance Is Reasonable 1971 Goal

The 10% advance goal for Mississippi Baptist churches, suggested by Executive Secretary, W. Douglas Hudgins in his message to the 1970 convention, and unanimously approved by the messengers in a resolution, is both a reasonable and attainable goal.

There should not be a church in Mississippi which cannot reach or even surpass this challenge, simply by becoming concerned about it and putting on the extra effort required to reach it.

A 10% advance in Sunday school attendance, for a church with an average attendance of 100 is only 10; for others the numbers will be proportionate. A church with 100 average attendance, probably has more than 10 classes, which means that the required gain is only one per class. Few classes in the state do not have at least one good prospect. What class is there which could not add that 10% in the next nine months? (The church year ends September 30).

Some extra study and planning on the part of pastors and church leaders to provide preaching and services which will attract, plus some extra praying and added visitation, along with the Sunday school enlargement,

certainly will increase the worship attendance by 10%.

Since most of our churches have been baptizing only about one person for each 35 members, there should not be too much difficulty in baptizing 10% more people this year.

Without question there is not a church in Mississippi which should not "pray the Lord of the harvest that he may send forth laborers into his harvest." Every Christian should be praying that God will call and young people will respond for the preaching ministry and other Christian vocational service.

If these four suggested goals are met, it is almost certain that every other area of the church life will make advance.

While these are attainable goals, they will not be reached merely by the fact that they have been proposed or adopted by the convention. They call for action in every church, and that action needs to come now. Three and one half months of the church year already are gone.

On the opposite page is a special 10% advance poster which we have designed and are publishing simply to call attention to the need for action

now in order to bring advance in the churches. Pastors and church leaders may want to clip out some of these posters and place them in conspicuous places around the church building, just as a reminder of the need for action now.

No one is trying to tell a single church what it should do. No program has been set up to organize the effort to achieve this proposal. Our state leader simply felt that the churches needed to set for themselves some goals that would challenge them to begin to move forward more effectively in 1971, and the convention messengers agreed.

Now is the time for "doing it," but every church, every pastor, and every member is needed, if the advance is to come. **WE HOPE THAT YOU WILL JOIN THOUSANDS OF OTHER BAPTISTS OF MISSISSIPPI IN A REAL EFFORT TO REACH THESE OBJECTIVES IN 1971.**

The Baptist Record hereby pledges its full support to this effort. In coming weeks we shall be running a special column telling what churches and associations are doing in the effort to reach the 10% gain. If your church or association is doing something to spur the drive please write and tell us about it.



You may not prevent its flying overhead, but you can prevent its nesting in your hair.

Quick Action Urgently Needed

The new state legislature, which opened its 1971 session last week faces many problems and will deal with numerous important matters during coming months. Few among the issues which will confront the legislators will be more urgent than the "Implied Consent Bill" which probably already is in the hoppers, having been carried over from the last session. Under this bill, officials can legally require a drinking test of any driver suspected of driving while under the influence of alcohol. The Governor, in his opening message to the legislators, requested passage of the bill, and a legislative committee has asked for it.

Experience of other states has given overwhelming evidence that this law does aid in keeping drunks and drinking drivers off the highways. Mississippi is one of only two states which does not have the law.

The year 1970 saw us reach the second highest record in history in the number of highway deaths in Mississippi. About 890 persons lost their lives in this carnage, and a much larger number were injured, many of them maimed for life. **ALL SAFETY EXPERTS SAY THAT ALCOHOL IS INVOLVED IN MORE THAN ONE-HALF OF ALL HIGHWAY FATALITIES.** This means that about 445 persons in Mississippi are in their graves who were alive at the beginning of or during the year 1970, simply because drinking and drunk drivers chose to get behind an automobile wheel, or the drinking person himself walked into the path of an oncoming vehicle.

At least some of these lives could have been saved if enforcement officers had been allowed to require a test

of every person suspected of driving while or after drinking. The possibility that even ONE life can be saved makes the legislation imperative.

Gentlemen of the legislature, we plead with you to act quickly on this legislation, to save Mississippi lives. Mississippi MUST NOT have another record year of highway fatalities, and you can help prevent that!

International Lessons Are Back

Two weeks ago, we published a brief statement asking whether our readers desired that we continue the use of the International Sunday School lessons. We simply did not know how many churches now are using the lessons, since the new Sunday school program has been launched by Southern Baptists.

We have our answer. Nothing we have written about has brought such a response, asking that we continue the lessons. So they are back, after only two weeks absence. We think Dr. Clifton J. Allen's heart will be warmed when we tell him how much his lessons mean to so many people.

"QUOTABLES"

A 1971 Salute to the Quotable Pastors. Faculty notions about religion are probably the most important single factor in determining what the religious impact of an institution on its students will be. —Church-Sponsored Higher Education in the United States, Manning M. Pattillo-Donald M. MacKenzie —Ed. Commission, SBC

Bible Study

Much is being said today about the need for more Bible study, and, as we have said before, never have we seen such an apparent hunger to know more of the word of God, than we are seeing right now.

Southern Baptists have sought to meet this need, and provide an answer for this hunger. They are giving more emphasis to Bible study than ever before, and providing more materials for use in such study.

One of the most popular and fruitful programs of Bible study promoted by the convention is the January Bible Study Week. This is now in its 23rd or 24th year, and seems to receive wider acceptance each year.

For 1971 the study is of the three short epistles of John, with major emphasis being given to I John, since it is the longest of the three books. This is a very practical book on Christian assurance, love and living, and most helpful materials have been prepared for use in teaching and studying it.

Large numbers of our churches will be promoting study of the book this month. Some churches already have had their study, and others are in the midst of it now. Still others will be using it within the next few weeks. It is not too late to plan for the study, and we hope that churches which have not already made such plans, still will do so.

Let every Mississippi pastor and leader resolve now that during 1971 we shall provide greater opportunities in the study, preaching, teaching and living of the word of God. There is no greater need in our state or nation.

THE BAPTIST FORUM

Likes "Ironing Board"

Dear Dr. Odle:

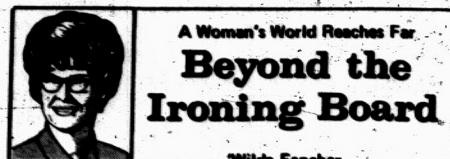
Every week I enjoy reading "Beyond the Ironing Board" by Mrs. Wilda Fancher. I try to clip the best ones and find myself clipping them all. Last week was excellent — "In the Beginning . . ." Shortly after reading it, I began preparing for my 13 and 14-year Training Union group, and found the title of the lesson to be the same — "In the Beginning . . ." Sunday we enjoyed using Mrs. Fancher's points along with our lesson. Mrs. Joe Taylor Florence, Miss.

Disagree With Editorial

Dear Sir:

Not all Southern Baptists are in agreement with your views. We think your editorial on the "Obituary of God" incident was in poor taste. We see the valid reason for the over-reaction of many so-called Christians.

Jim Smith
David Whitten
Mississippi College
Clinton, Miss.



A Woman's World Reaches Far Beyond the Ironing Board

Wilda Fancher

"... the love of Christ constrains me."

"Some folks misunderstand about living under grace; they say, 'You believe in the eternal security of the believer, so you are free to live any old way you please. If sin does not cause you to lose your salvation, you can really live it up, can't you?' These folks miss the proverbial point. Along the way in my thinking toward a real answer to the question it seemed as if God said to me, 'Love constrains. It limits and guides. It refines and inspires. It completes and suffices. . . The love of Christ constrains me.'"

My billfold is hard put to hold all my credit cards and charge plates. No limit is placed on my use of them. Yet there is a limit which constrains me as surely as would a highly-charged electric fence around the stores. That restraint is my husband's love, creating in me a sense of his trust, respect, and honor for me. I know what I can reasonably and wisely spend without bringing financial difficulty. My husband knows I know this. I know there are certain items I will never buy, some for economy reasons, some for moral reasons. My husband knows I know this. I know that I return my husband's love.

My Bible fully teaches me that much the same things are true in my relationship with God. He has filled my life to overflowing with blessings, one of the greatest being the will to choose in every given situation. The love of Christ constrains me to choose the just, the pure, the honest, the things of good report. Human that I am, I sometimes choose the unjust, the impure, the dishonest, the things of ill report. In fact, Satan dangles these things in front of my nose nearly all the time, so close and so real they almost make me sneeze.

But nearly all the time the Lord is saying to me that He loves me. I use that as my main reason for pleasing Him through my choices, just as I try to please my husband through my choices of purchases. When I make the wrong choice, God does not stand me in the corner and say, "I do not love you when you are bad." He says, "My love for you through Christ constrains you, remember? Keep that in mind when your next choice comes along."

The right choice is easier to make next time.

On The MORAL SCENE...

President Nixon has recently set up the Jobs for Veterans program and has named a National Advisory Committee of one hundred business, labor, and civil leaders, with James F. Oates Jr. as Chairman. Jobs for Veterans is a national effort to highlight the returning veteran and to make effective use of the talents and skills he has acquired in military service. Each year over one million servicemen and women complete their military service in the Armed Forces and return to civilian life. Perhaps one fourth of them will return directly to school, but most will desire to enter the civilian employment market. Many young men and women completing military service will be seeking their first significant job. This is a critical period for these young people, especially those returning to areas where the competition for jobs will be increasing. In addition to an effort to use government and business resources the President is calling upon religious leaders to exert their influence to carry the Jobs for Veterans message to their congregations. Many members of congregations will have direct contact with returning veterans and will be able to provide meaningful employment opportunities or training that will lead to employment. The President indicated that this is an opportunity for all segments for our society to support the returning veteran and to assist him in adjusting successfully to civilian life. For additional information, please contact the National Committee—Jobs for Veterans, 1400 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia 22206.

NEWEST BOOKS

Southern Baptist Leaders Tell How To Win More Souls

HOW TO WIN THEM by John Bisagno, Kenneth L. Chaffin, C. Wade Freeman, and others. (Broadman, 158 pp., \$3.95). Some of Southern Baptists most effective evangelistic pastors and evangelism leaders contribute messages on what modern churches must do in order to see effective evangelism. These are thrilling sermons which speak to the heart. They express the deep concern which Southern Baptist pastors and leaders are feeling right now about evangelism in our Convention, and show what can be done about it. This book should be read by every Southern Baptist pastor, and its message should be sounded from every pulpit.

THE 1971 FAMILY ALBUM ANNUAL edited by Arthur and Nancy DeLoes (National Consumer Marketing Corporation, Valley Forge, Pa. 19481, 178 pp., \$5.95) This fifth annual volume of The Family Album is exquisitely bound in white, with gold lettering. Poems and meditations have been carefully selected and arranged under the subjects: The New Year; Easter; Home and Family; Daily Life; American Heritage; Thanksgiving; Friendship; Worship; Christmas; Heaven. Some of the most beautiful full-color photographs to be found in any book anywhere are within the covers of this volume. Following the seasons of the year, they reveal the wonders of God's creation, and of His gifts to man. The last chapter, "Heaven," sums up the meaning of all the preceding pages. "The Family Album Annual," states W. Charles Lawson, assistant to the Director of Marketing, National Consumer Marketing Corp., "has been recommended for a great many decisions for

ONE DIVINE MOMENT—THE ASBURY REVIVAL by Robert E. Coleman. (Revell, 123 pp., cloth, \$3.95; paper \$1.95). The story of the spiritual revival which swept Asbury College in Kentucky early in 1970 and spread to scores of campuses across America. The editor has enlisted a number of writers who experienced the revival to tell the story. They include professors and students, and some members of the administration. One cannot read these chapters without sensing the mighty spiritual power which swept this campus and reached so far beyond it. The Christian reader will pray that such a revival may spread to the churches and to every Christian life.

BIBLICAL SERMON GUIDE by Lloyd M. Perry. (Baker, 128 pp., \$4.95). This subtitle reads How to Prepare and Present a Biblical Sermon. The book is divided into four major sections: The Preparation of Material, The Organization of the Outline, The Variation of the Outline, and The Presentation of the Message. This should be a most helpful handbook on the improvement of Biblical preaching.

A NEW SONG by Pat Boone (Creation House, Inc., 128 pp., \$4.95) Pat Boone, widely known movie and television star, tells the story of a spiritual awakening which took place in his life. The book is biographical as it tells some of the background of the writer's life. He grew up in a farm home near Nashville and attended services at a Church of Christ where he was a member and has been an active member most of his life. In the book he tells of his rise in his career and of how that came near wrecking his home, bringing financial ruin, and shipwrecking his life. Then a new spiritual experience came which

has completely changed his life and given him a "new song." When Pat and his wife told some of the events of this story at the Southern Baptist Convention Pastor's Conference in Denver, the speaker who followed him, Evangelist James Robinson, said that what had happened to Pat was that he had just been saved. Whatever happened, his life was changed and the story is told in an interesting manner in this book. It clearly reveals that success, riches, and fame do not bring satisfaction and happiness to one's life. The book should be most helpful to both young and mature readers.

CHRISTOLOGY OF THE OLD TESTAMENT by E. W. Rieupey (Kregel, 600 pp., \$9.95). Reprint of a book which first was published in London in 1967. It provides a thorough scholarly study of every Messianic prophecy in the entire Old Testament. There is nothing shallow about this writing and one who uses it will find that it is rich in its presentation of Biblical truth. Much more emphasis is given to some sections than to others. For example, there is a word for word study of the Bible of Zechariah covering 117 pages. 116 pages are used to study selected Messianic passages from Isaiah. Bible students interested in making careful study of the revelation of Christ in the Old Testament will find this a most helpful book.

PLEASE DON'T THINK THAT MATCH by Fran Johnston (Zondervan, 128 pp., \$2.50). How do you face the threat of adversity? A young mother, who with her husband has served as a missionary for more than 15 years gives her testimony of what happens when adversity strikes the Christian home and how one learns to lean upon the promises of God.

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"Gibberish Is Not A Gift!" States Chaplain, Regarding "Tongue Movement"

By Jack Guldage
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Peace and tranquility are shattered when somebody in the church cuts loose with an outburst of ecstatic speech. He claims to be the recipient of the "gift of tongues" and "prophecy" as a result of "being baptized of the Holy Spirit."

The pastor panics! The disrupted membership casts a censorious frown toward the offenders and becomes extremely uncomfortable. They don't know what to do with a movement that has some similarity to first century Christianity as recorded in the Scriptures.

Church members learn for the first

That Book

By Veda Lusk

The jeep stopped and the three national guardsmen watched intently. The Venezuelan Baptist Mission was in its annual meeting, a time when the missionaries come together from all parts of the country to make plans for the next year's work.

Following a custom of years, we had taken dining chairs out of the cabins occupied by the various families to form an "auditorium" for Sunday worship services. The beauty of nature in the outdoor setting enhanced the attitude of worship there in Los Caracas, a government-owned vacation village for middle-class workers.

Missionary Henry Haynes was bringing the morning message as the jeep stopped and the guardsmen watched. Finally, one of them motioned to our 16-year-old Paul, who was standing at the back of the group. As the conversation became lengthy, I thought, What can be wrong? We've been meeting like this for the past 10 years without anyone objecting.

"They want to know about 'that book' Uncle Hank is talking about," explained Paul, slipping over to my chair. "In fact, they'd like to have a Bible in Spanish."

I relayed the message to George, my husband, and it went around the group. Someone passed over a well-used Spanish New Testament and Paul took it to the men. "Tell them to go," whispered Katy Harlan, as she went to look for a New Testament for each of them. Meanwhile, George talked to the men about the copy in hand.

"I was in a meeting once," said one of the men, "where someone was teaching from that book, and it fascinated me. All of us are interested in knowing what it says. In fact, there are a number of people who work here at Los Caracas that would like for someone to come and teach us the things that are in that book. If someone will come, we'll plan a meeting. We'd meet one night of every week if there were a teacher."

Katy gave a copy of the popular Spanish New Testament *Dis Llega el Hombre*, (God Comes to Man) to each of the visitors. They went on their way, making plans to talk with friends about a Bible study meeting.

One of the joys of serving in Venezuela is that there are so many people in all walks of life who want to know about "that Book."

LUNG CANCER in 1912 was called "the rarest of diseases." Then in the 1920s it began to increase. In the 1940s and 1950s the mortality figures zoomed upward at an unbelievable rate. In England, between 1924 and 1951, the death rates shot up tenfold while in Holland they soared twentyfold. In New York State, in 1947, the death rate was frightening; yet even that high figure was doubled in 1957. From 1940 to 1960, the death toll from lung cancer increased 500%. Throughout the past decade the death rate has continued to mount.

In 1959 Wynder and Graham reported 694 proven cases of lung cancer in men and women. They discovered that of the 605 cases in men only eight had been nonsmokers. From England came a report from a study of 1,357 cases of lung cancer — only seven were nonsmokers.

Scientists have identified in tobacco smoke eight different chemicals that are soluble products that can be spread throughout the body by the blood stream, causing cancer in organs as far removed from the lungs as the urinary bladder.

Yugoslavian Professor, Dr. Srdoljub Stojiljkovic, says alcoholism is a serious problem in Yugoslavia. According to the data available, 33.7 million gallons of alcoholic beverages are consumed yearly. 67.4% of 36,000 secondary school pupils questioned indulge in drinking. 18,000 alcoholics are being treated at the Institute on Alcoholism in Belgrade. Intoxication is involved in: 30% of auto fatalities, 32.6% of all murders, 36.2% of all confessions, 17.5% of all rapes, 40% of industry accidents, and 33% of divorces.

time that glossolalia means "gift of tongues," and refers to an unintelligible utterance. The majority of church people try to ignore the disrupters of the status quo out of existence, or at least out the front doors. If that doesn't work, labels of "fanatic" and "holy rollers" usually freeze them out and the congregation returns to "normal," but not without suffering some casualties and a fractured fellowship.

Unfortunately there are groups in some churches that follow every religious fad that comes along. However, some believe that sincere groups of seekers of special gifts can evidence deep spiritual needs that are not usually being met in churches. If so, instead of shooting them down, why not channel them into productive avenues of Christian fulfillment? It could be that a deeper and more meaningful life is the object of their search.

That's what happened in the Clairmont Hills Baptist Church in Decatur, Georgia. When some private prayer groups within the church membership began "speaking in tongues" and exercising the "gifts of prophecy," Pastor Bryan Robinson faced the matter squarely, sanely and Scripturally. No panic button for him!

"It drove me to my knees in prayer," Pastor Robinson said. "And it buried me for about three months in my study, searching for everything the Bible had to say about the subject."

After reaching some conclusions that he believed were guided by the Holy Spirit and in accord with the teachings of the Bible, Pastor Robinson invited the leaders of the tongue-movement to join him in his study for several soul-searching sessions. Met with resistance, argument, and misinterpretation of Scripture,

the burdened pastor slowly led the group to realize that:

1. Unintelligible gibberish is not the New Testament gift of tongues. Glossolalia is a form of Spirit-inspired language which is unintelligible apart from the Spirit-given capacity of interpretation. Any other form is a fallacy.

2. Baptism of the Holy Spirit in the Book of Acts was a phenomenon that was completed in this early and unusual period of church history. The Holy Spirit continues His work of guidance, empowering and other ministries. It is never for personal display, but for the ongoing of Christ's Kingdom.

3. Prophecy, soothsaying and witchcraft can be distinguished by the fruits borne. True prophecy is the work of the Holy Spirit and produces an abundant harvest. False attempts

produce disunity of fellowship and distortion of understanding.

Most of the group, searching with the pastor, caught the basic truth: If it is of God's Spirit it is constructive and finds expression in productive Christian service; if it is of a spurious spirit, it is destructive and finds expression in exhibitionism and disunity.

Instead of private meetings in futile attempts to reproduce first century phenomena, today these same people are producing twentieth century phenomena by conducting Bible schools, leading conferences and other helpful projects in minority areas of the city. So outstanding have been their efforts that recently an editorial in *The Christian Index* called attention to the year-long perpetual spiritual surge in the Clairmont Hills Baptist Church.

"The compassion and desire to help others which our young people have demonstrated has been one of the richest blessings of my entire ministry," says Pastor Bryan Robinson.

John M. Weir of the American Dental Association says that annual incidence rates for cancers of the oral cavity show cancer of the tongue to be more than twice as common as mouth floor cancer. In addition, deaths from tongue cancer are more than double the figure for mouth floor cancer. He also states that "cancer patients who stop smoking still run a high risk of developing a second malignancy. And, patients who return to smoking after treatment run an even greater risk of developing a second oral cancer."

FBC, Dallas, Texas

Plans Seminar On

"Church Dynamics"

First Baptist Church, Dallas, Dr. W. A. Criswell, pastor, has announced the launching of an annual program to be called "School of the Prophets" which will allow pastors and other church leaders to visit the church for a three day intensive study of its program and methods.

A letter from Dr. Criswell tells of the plans for the school. It is as follows:

Dear Dr. Odle:

This letter is written to enlist your help in promoting the first, annual SCHOOL OF THE PROPHETS, a three-day seminar in Church Dynamics, to be held this coming March 19, 20, 21, here in the First Baptist Church of Dallas.

We receive a multitude of requests from Pastors and Church Staff Members from across the Convention, asking to come and see how we are doing the work of the Lord in our church. Because these requests are mounting, I thought we might establish this SCHOOL OF THE PROPHETS and invite all persons interested in a detailed outline of our church program to come at the same time and let us review and relearn this work together.

We have planned the first SCHOOL OF THE PROPHETS to follow immediately the Nationwide Bible Conference to be held in Dallas next March. We are urging those wanting to attend our school to come early and attend the conference also. This will strengthen our National Bible Conference.

A charge of \$35 tuition will include a thick notebook of material outlining our program, lunch at the church on each of the three days, and 20 actual class hours of teaching. The magnitude of such an undertaking, and the widespread interest in the school already, has compelled us to limit enrollment to the first 1,000 applications received.

A brochure of the seminar, giving all details and a full outline of the program, will be sent to you if you be secured by writing to First Baptist Church, Corner N. Ervay and San Jacinto, Dallas, Texas.

Sincerely yours,
W. A. Criswell

KENYA: When a new group of Baptist missionaries arrived in Limuru, Kenya, they not only faced the problem of learning a new language, Swahili, but also of learning to drive on the "wrong" side of the road from the "wrong" side of the car (since Kenya follows the British pattern). Every day they attended language classes in Nairobi, about 20 miles away. The women returned home to their children at noon, leaving the men to attend afternoon classes. On the very first day the ladies chose Mrs. Thomas A. Jones Sr. to drive them home. "It was her birthday, you see," explained one of the husbands later. "The ladies knew that people all over the States would be praying for her and any needs she might have. They got home, too. Nervous wrecks, but safe!"

ished East Pakistan could not possibly cope. The inland is already grossly overcrowded. The lot of the urban dwellers is often harsher than that of the Delta people, though safer.

So the fatalistic orthodox Muslims who live in the Delta accept their recurring peril, raise large families, and refuse to move away from the rich farming area.

In this tragic country are seven Southern Baptist missionary families (three others are on furlough). There is one of the most difficult and most challenging countries in which Southern Baptists witness. It is particularly difficult for the wives and their daughters.

Pakistan do not usually leave their homes except to go to the market or to get water.

Sociable, outgoing Betty McKinley, of Feni, stronghold of Muslim orthodoxy, and her daughters, Cherie and Kathy, rarely ever leave their yard except for worship on Sunday morning.

But the missionaries of East Pakistan do not want sympathy or pity.

10% ADVANCE

Mississippi Baptist Goal For 1971

(Adopted By MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST CONVENTION)

- ☐ In Sunday School Attendance
- ☐ In Worship Attendance
- ☐ In Baptisms
- ☐ In Budget Support & Mission Giving
- ☐ In Commitment To Preaching & Mission Ministry

Cooperation Of Every Church In The State Is Needed

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

Disasters Are Perpetual For Ganges Delta Farmers

By Lane Gray

DACCA, East Pakistan — "Why don't these people move to land that is higher?" I kept asking myself during a cyclone which smashed into the flatlands of East Pakistan in late October.

That was two weeks before another storm, with 120-mile-per-hour winds and 20-foot waves, wrought havoc along the East Pakistan coastline of the Bay of Bengal.

I was in East Pakistan when the first of these hit. And I was still trying to find the answer to my question when I heard news of the second while in Lebanon.

More than 300 people are reported to have died as a result of the first cyclone. The official toll of dead and missing in the second now stands at more than 200,000, and the *Pakistan Times* predicts that the death toll might ultimately reach one million. (Previously, the worst known disaster was the Yellow River flood in China in 1957. Its estimated toll was 900,000.) As gruesome as the figures are, the November 12 tragedy in East Pakistan is just one of a perpetual

string of natural disasters which strike at the low-lying islands and peninsulas. On many occasions, the deaths of tens of thousands of persons go unnoticed in the outside world, and even take second place to other news in Pakistan itself. These storms come around May, when the rice is being planted, and in October and November, when the harvest is due.

Long as it is, the record of cyclones in the Bay of Bengal is incomplete, taking note only of major catastrophes. In 1822, 100,000 people were killed; in 1876, 215,000. Other big storms occurred in October, 1940, and May, 1955.

Each of these storms struck where the November one struck, high up in the corner of the Bay of Bengal, reaching eastward to include the littoral of the Chittagong Hill Tracts and sweeping round to overwhelm the mouths of the great rivers.

With terrible catastrophe always hanging over them, it seems incredible that the people do not migrate from the lowlands of their own free will. Here three of the mightiest rivers of the East — the Ganges, the

Jamuna, and the Brahmaputra — merge to form a massive delta, hot and flat, said to be the largest in the world.

By repute the people are among the most devout and orthodox of Muslims in all Pakistan, a country created to be a safe homeland for their faith. And it is an article of that faith that "God disposes" and good Muslims accept disaster and death, not simply with resignation, but with spirit.

Whether or not spiritual conviction binds the people of the delta to their dangerous land, the horrible fact is that they cannot go anywhere else and hope for anything but abject poverty. The islands and other land, around the mouths of the Ganges, are the world's most fertile soil. The rice it grows is vital, not only to the people who live there, but to the well-being — such as it is — of all East Pakistan.

Rejecting with incredulity the very notion of evacuation, an official said after the big storm of 1965: "If the people were taken away, who would cultivate the land?" Also, the people know that, if it is

to serve its purpose, the land they live on has to be low-lying and dangerous. It must lie open to the beneficent riverfloods of the monsoon season if it is to grow rice. Each September, some 90 per cent of the land is covered by the mild, silt-bearing water of the rivers.

The delta area is overpopulated and impoverished. Apart from those who die in each major cyclone calamity, there are countless thousands left in conditions which would mean death to the sturdiest Westerner. Yet the people of East Pakistan seem to have some inborn ability to survive.

Moreover, they breed against the menace of catastrophe. In this afflicted region most families have at least 10 children.

But still, following a calamity, some say they would like to go away. But where is there for them to go? Inland, in Dacca and the other towns, or on the higher ground to the north, there is no hope for them. East Pakistan, with a population of 72,000,000, is about the size of Arkansas.

A mass migration would create a refugee problem with which impover-

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EDITORIALS

Ten Per Cent Advance Is Reasonable 1971 Goal

The 10% advance goal for Mississippi Baptist churches, suggested by Executive Secretary, W. Douglas Hudgins in his message to the 1970 convention, and unanimously approved by the messengers in a resolution, is both a reasonable and attainable goal.

There should not be a church in Mississippi which cannot reach or even surpass this challenge, simply by becoming concerned about it and putting on the extra effort required to reach it.

A 10% advance in Sunday school attendance, for a church with an average attendance of 100 is only 10; for others the numbers will be proportionate. A church with 100 average attendance, probably has more than 10 classes, which means that the required gain is only one per class. Few classes in the state do not have at least one good prospect. What class is there which could not add that 10% in the next nine months? (The church year ends September 30).

Some extra study and planning on the part of pastors and church leaders to provide preaching and services which will attract, plus some extra praying and added visitation, along with the Sunday school enlargement,

certainly will increase the worship attendance by 10%.

Since most of our churches have been baptizing only about one person for each 35 members, there should not be too much difficulty in baptizing 10% more people this year.

Without question there is not a church in Mississippi which should not "pray the Lord of the harvest that he may send forth laborers into his harvest." Every Christian should be praying that God will call and young people will respond for the preaching ministry and other Christian vocational service.

If these four suggested goals are met, it is almost certain that every other area of the church life will make advance.

While these are attainable goals, they will not be reached merely by the fact that they have been proposed or adopted by the convention. They call for action in every church, and that action needs to come now. Three and one half months of the church year already are gone.

On the opposite page is a special 10% advance poster which we have designed and are publishing simply to call attention to the need for action

now in order to bring advance in the churches. Pastors and church leaders may want to clip out some of these posters and place them in conspicuous places around the church building, just as a reminder of the need for action now.

No one is trying to tell a single church what it should do. No program has been set up to organize the effort to achieve this proposal. Our state leader simply felt that the churches needed to set for themselves some goals that would challenge them to begin to move forward more effectively in 1971, and the convention messengers agreed.

Now is the time for "doing it," but every church, every pastor, and every member is needed, if the advance is to come. **WE HOPE THAT YOU WILL JOIN THOUSANDS OF OTHER BAPTISTS OF MISSISSIPPI IN A REAL EFFORT TO REACH THESE OBJECTIVES IN 1971.**

The Baptist Record hereby pledges its full support to this effort. In coming weeks we shall be running a special column telling what churches and associations are doing in the effort to reach the 10% gain. If your church or association is doing something to spur the drive please write and tell us about it.



You may not prevent its flying overhead, but you can prevent its nesting in your hair.

Quick Action Urgently Needed

The new state legislature, which opened its 1971 session last week faces many problems and will deal with numerous important matters during coming months. Few among the issues which will confront the legislators will be more urgent than the "Implied Consent Bill" which probably already is in the hoppers, having been carried over from the last session. Under this bill, officials can legally require a drinking test of any driver suspected of driving while under the influence of alcohol. The Governor, in his opening message to the legislators, requested passage of the bill, and a legislative committee has asked for it.

Experience of other states has given overwhelming evidence that this law does aid in keeping drunks and drinking drivers off the highways. Mississippi is one of only two states which does not have the law.

The year 1970 saw us reach the second highest record in history in the number of highway deaths in Mississippi. About 890 persons lost their lives in this carnage, and a much larger number were injured, many of them maimed for life. **ALL SAFETY EXPERTS SAY THAT ALCOHOL IS INVOLVED IN MORE THAN ONE-HALF OF ALL HIGHWAY FATALITIES.** This means that about 445 persons in Mississippi are in their graves who were alive at the beginning of or during the year.

At least some of these lives could have been saved if enforcement officers had been allowed to require a test

of every person suspected of driving while or after drinking. The possibility that even ONE life can be saved makes the legislation imperative.

Gentlemen of the legislature, we plead with you to act quickly on this legislation, to save Mississippi lives. Mississippi MUST NOT have another record year of highway fatalities, and you can help prevent that!

International Lessons Are Back

Two weeks ago, we published a brief statement asking whether our readers desired that we continue the use of the International Sunday School lessons? We simply did not know how many churches now are using the lessons, since the new Sunday school program has been launched by Southern Baptists.

We have our answer. Nothing we have written about has brought such a response, asking that we continue the lessons. So they are back, after only two weeks absence. We think Dr. Clifton J. Allen's heart will be warmed when we tell him how much his lessons mean to so many people.

"QUOTABLES"

A 1971 Salute to the

Faculty notions about religion are probably the most important single factor in determining what the religious impact of an institution on its students will be.—Church-Sponsored Higher Education in the United States, Manning M. Pattillo-Donald M. MacKenzie—Ed. Commission, SBC

Bible Study

Much is being said today about the need for more Bible study, and, as we have said before, never have we seen such an apparent hunger to know more of the word of God, than we are seeing right now.

Southern Baptists have sought to meet this need, and provide an answer for this hunger. They are giving more emphasis to Bible study than ever before, and providing more materials for use in such study.

One of the most popular and fruitful programs of Bible study promoted by the convention is the January Bible Study Week. This is now in its 23rd or 24th year, and seems to receive wider acceptance each year.

For 1971 the study is of the three short epistles of John, with major emphasis being given to I John, since it is the longest of the three books. This is a very practical book on Christian assurance, love and living, and most helpful materials have been prepared for use in teaching and studying it.

Large numbers of our churches will be promoting study of the book this month. Some churches already have had their study, and others are in the midst of it now. Still others will be using it within the next few weeks. It is not too late to plan for the study, and we hope that churches which have not already made such plans, still will desire to provide this opportunity for extra Bible study for their people.

Let every Mississippi pastor and leader resolve now that during 1971 we shall provide greater opportunities in the study, preaching, teaching and living of the word of God. There is no greater need in our state or nation.

THE BAPTIST FORUM

Likes "Ironing Board"

Dear Dr. Odle:

Every week I enjoy reading "Beyond the Ironing Board" by Mrs. Wilda Fancher. I try to clip the best ones and find myself clipping them all. Last week was excellent—"In the Beginning..." Shortly after reading it, I began preparing for my 13 and 14-year Training Union group, and found the title of the lesson to be the same—"In the Beginning..." Sunday we enjoyed using Mrs. Fancher's points along with our lesson.

Mrs. Joe Taylor
Florence, Miss.

Disagree With Editorial

Dear Sir:

Not all Southern Baptists are in agreement with your views. We think your editorial on the "Obituary of God" incident was in poor taste. We see the valid reason for the over-reaction of many so-called Christians.

Jim Smith
David Whitten
Mississippi College
Clinton, Miss.

EDUCATION—what's happening

What values do people consider most important in their lives? If they say "cleanliness," "honesty," "helpfulness," the chances are that they are poor—white or black. In a study made by Dr. Milton Rokeach, psychology professor at Michigan State University, and Dr. Seymour Parker, anthropology professor at the University of Utah, they discovered that poor people ranked "clean" second, among 18 values, while the rich ranked it seventeenth. The rich, it seems, take cleanliness for granted, while the poor worry about it and find it a hard value to achieve under the conditions in which they live. The Rokeach-Parker study also found that Negroes ranked "equality" first, while whites list it in 11th place.—"Let's Be Human," by Harry Fleischman, National Labor Service, July-August, 1970)

On The MORAL SCENE...

President Nixon has recently set up the Jobs for Veterans program and has named a National Advisory Committee of one hundred business, labor, and civil leaders, with James F. Oates Jr. as Chairman. Jobs for Veterans is a national effort to highlight the returning veteran and to make effective use of the talents and skills he has acquired in military service. Each year over one million servicemen and women complete their military service in the Armed Forces and return to civilian life. Perhaps one fourth of them will return directly to school, but most will desire to enter the civilian employment market. Many young men and women completing military service will be seeking their first significant job. This is a critical period for these young people; especially those returning to areas where the competition for jobs will be increasing. In addition to an effort to use government and business resources the President is calling upon religious leaders to exert their influence to carry the Jobs for Veterans message to their congregations. Many members of congregations will have direct contact with veterans and will be able to provide meaningful employment opportunities or training that will lead to employment. The President indicated that this is an opportunity for all segments for our society to support the returning veteran and to assist him in adjusting successfully to civilian life. For additional information, please contact the National Committee—Jobs for Veterans, 1400 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia 22206.

A Woman's World Reaches Far
Beyond the Ironing Board
Wilda Fancher

"...the love of Christ constrains..."

Some folks misunderstand about living under grace; they say, "You believe in the eternal security of the believer, so you are free to live any old way you please. If sin does not cause you to lose your salvation, you can really live it up, can't you?" These folks miss the proverbial point. Along the way in my thinking toward a real answer to the question it seemed as if God said to me, "Love constrains. It limits and guides. It refines and inspires. It completes and suffices. The love of Christ constrains."

My bilfold is hard put to hold all my credit cards and charge plates. No limit is placed on my use of them. Yet there is a limit which constrains me as surely as would a highly-charged electric fence around the stores. That restraint is my husband's love, creating in me a sense of his trust, respect, and honor for me. I know what I can reasonably and wisely spend without bringing financial difficulty. My husband knows I know this. I know there are certain items I will never buy, some for economy reasons, some for moral reasons. My husband knows I know this. I know that I return my husband's love to the extent of striving to please him in the use of the charging privileges he gives me. Yet, should I overspend, I am still his wife, and I am still loved.

My Bible fully teaches me that much the same things are true in my relationship with God. He has filled my life to overflowing with blessings, one of the greatest being the will to choose in every given situation. The love of Christ constrains me to choose the just, the pure, the honest, the things of good report. Human that I am, I sometimes choose the unjust, the impure, the dishonest, the things of ill report. In fact, Satan dangles these things in front of my nose nearly all the time, so close and so real they almost make me sneeze.

But nearly all the time the Lord is saying to me that He loves me. I use that as my main reason for pleasing Him through my choices, just as I try to please my husband through my choices of purchases. When I make the wrong choice, God does not stand me in the corner and say, "I do not love you when you are bad." He says, "My love for you through Christ constrains you, remember? Keep that in mind when your next choice comes along."

The right choice is easier to make next time.

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NEWEST BOOKS

Southern Baptist Leaders Tell How To Win More Souls

HOW TO WIN THEM by John Bisagno, Kenneth L. Chafin, C. Wade Freeman, and others. (Broadman, 158 pp. \$3.95). Some of Southern Baptists most effective evangelistic pastors and evangelism leaders contribute messages on what modern churches must do in order to see effective evangelism. These are thrilling sermons which speak to the heart. They express the deep concern which Southern Baptist pastors and leaders are feeling right now about evangelism in our Convention, and show what can be done about it. This book should be read by every Southern Baptist pastor, and its message should be sounded from every pulpit.

THE 1971 FAMILY ALBUM ANNUAL edited by Arthur and Nancy DeMoss (National Consumer Marketing Corporation, Valley Forge, Pa. 19481, 178 pp., \$5.95) This fifth annual volume of The Family Album is exquisitely bound in white, with gold lettering. Poems and meditations have been carefully selected and arranged under the subjects: The New Year; Easter; Home and Family; Daily Life; American Heritage; Thanksgiving; Friendship; Worship; Christmas; Heaven. Some of the most beautiful full-color photographs to be found in any book anywhere are within the covers of this volume. Retreating the seasons of the year, they reveal the wonders of God's creation, and of His gifts to man. The last chapter, "Heaven," sums up the meaning of all the preceding pages. "The Family Album Annual," states W. Charles Lawson, assistant to the Director of Marketing, National Consumer Marketing Corp., "has been responsible for a great many decisions for

ONE DIVINE MOMENT—THE ASBURY REVIVAL by Robert E. Coleman. (Revell, 123 pp. cloth, \$3.95; paper \$1.95). The story of the spiritual revival which swept Asbury College in Kentucky early in 1970 and spread to scores of campuses across America. The editor has enlisted a number of writers who experienced the revival to tell the story. They include professors and students, and some members of the administration. One cannot read these chapters without sensing the mighty spiritual power which swept this campus and reached so far beyond it. The Christian reader will pray that such a revival may spread to the churches and to every Christian life.

BIBLICAL SERMON GUIDE by Lloyd M. Perry. (Baker, 128 pp., \$4.95). This subtitle reads How to Prepare and Present a Biblical Sermon. The book is divided into four major sections: The Preparation of Material, The Organization of the Outline, The Variation of the Outline, and The Presentation of the Message. This should be a most helpful handbook on the improvement of Biblical preaching.

A NEW SONG by Pat Boone (Creation House, Inc., 192 pp., \$4.95) Pat Boone, widely known movie and television star, tells the story of how he changed his life. The book is biographical as it tells some of the background of the writer's life. He grew up in a farm home near Nashville and attended services at a Church of Christ where he was a member and has been an active member most of his life. In the book he tells of his rise in his career and of how that came near wrecking his home, bringing financial ruin, and shipwrecking his life. Then a new spiritual experience came which

has completely changed his life and given him a "new song." When Pat and his wife told some of the events of this story at the Southern Baptist Convention Pastor's Conference in Denver, the speaker who followed him, Evangelist James Robison, said that what had happened to Pat was that he had just been saved. Whatever happened, his life was changed and the story is told in an interesting manner in this book. It clearly reveals that success, riches, and fame do not bring satisfaction and happiness to one's life. The book should be most helpful to both young and mature readers.

CHRISTOLOGY OF THE OLD TESTAMENT by E. W. Heagstenberg (Kregel, 609 pp., \$9.95). Reprint of a book which first was published in London in 1947. It provides a thorough scholarly study of every Messianic prophecy in the entire Old Testament. There is nothing shallow about this writing and one who uses it will find that it is rich in its presentation of Biblical truth. Much more emphasis is given to some sections than to others. For example, there is a word for word study of the Bible of Zechariah covering 117 pages. 110 pages are used to study selected Messianic passages from Isaiah. Bible students interested in making careful

study will find this a priceless volume.
PLEASE DON'T STRIKE THAT MATCH by Fran Johnston (Zondervan, 133 pp., \$3.50). How do you face the fire of adversity? A young mother, who with her husband has served as a missionary for more than 13 years gives her testimony of what happens when adversity strikes the Christian home and how one learns to lean upon the promises of God.

"Gibberish Is Not A Gift!" States Chaplain, Regarding "Tongue Movement"

By Jack Gullede
Chaplain, Director
Baptist Hospital
Scottsdale, Ariz.

Peace and tranquility are shattered when somebody in the church cuts loose with an outburst of ecstatic speech. He claims to be the recipient of the "gift of tongues" and "prophecy" as a result of "being baptized of the Holy Spirit."

The pastor panics! The disrupted membership casts a censorious frown toward the offenders and becomes extremely uncomfortable. They don't know what to do with a movement that has some similarity to first century Christianity as recorded in the Scriptures.

Church members learn for the first

time that glossolalia means "gift of tongues," and refers to an unintelligible utterance. The majority of church people try to ignore the disrupters of the status quo out of existence, or at least out the front doors. If that doesn't work, labels of "fanatic" and "holier rollers" usually freeze them out and the congregation returns to "normal," but not without suffering some casualties and a fractured fellowship.

Unfortunately there are groups in some churches that follow every religious fad that comes along. However, some believe that sincere groups of seekers of special gifts can evidence deep spiritual needs that are not usually being met in churches. If, instead of shooting them down, why not channel them into productive avenues of Christian fulfillment? It could be that a deeper and more meaningful life is the object of their search.

That's what happened in the Clairmont Hills Baptist Church in Decatur, Georgia. When some private prayer groups within the church membership began "speaking in tongues" and exercising the "gifts of prophecy," Pastor Bryan Robinson faced the matter squarely, sanely and Scripturally. No panic button for him!

"It drove me to my knees in prayer," Pastor Robinson said. "And it buried me for about three months in my study, searching for everything the Bible had to say about the subject."

After reaching some conclusions that he believed were guided by the Holy Spirit and in accord with the teachings of the Bible, Pastor Robinson invited the leaders of the tongue-movement to join him in his study for several soul-searching sessions. Met with resistance, argument, and misinterpretation of Scripture,

the burdened pastor slowly led the group to realize that:

1. Unintelligible gibberish is not the New Testament gift of tongues. Glossolalia is a form of Spirit-inspired language which is unintelligible apart from the Spirit-given capacity of interpretation. Any other form is a fake.

2. Baptism of the Holy Spirit in the Book of Acts was a phenomenon that was completed in this early and unusual period of church history. The Holy Spirit continues His work of guidance, empowering and other ministries. It is never for personal display, but for the ongoing of Christ's Kingdom.

3. Prophecy, soothsaying and witchcraft can be distinguished by the fruits borne. True prophecy is the work of the Holy Spirit and produces an abundant harvest. False attempts

produce disunity of fellowship and distortion of understanding.

Most of the group, searching with the pastor, caught the basic truth: If it is of God's Spirit it is constructive and finds expression in productive Christian service; if it is of a spurious spirit, it is destructive and finds expression in exhibitionism and disunity.

Instead of private meetings in futile attempts to reproduce first century phenomena, today these same people are producing twentieth century phenomena by conducting Bible schools, leading conferences and other helpful projects in minority areas of the city. So outstanding have been their efforts that recently an editorial in The Christian Index called attention to the year-long perpetual spiritual surge in the Clairmont Hills Baptist Church.

"The compassion and desire to help others which our young people have demonstrated has been one of the richest blessings of my entire ministry," says Pastor Bryan Robinson.

John M. Weir of the American Dental Association says that annual incidence rates for cancers of the oral cavity show cancer of the tongue to be more than twice as common as mouth floor cancer. In addition, deaths from tongue cancer are more than double the figure for mouth floor cancer. He also states that "cancer patients who stop smoking still run a high risk of developing a second malignancy. And, patients who return to smoking after treatment run an even greater risk of developing a second oral cancer."

FBC, Dallas, Texas Plans Seminar On "Church Dynamics"

First Baptist Church, Dallas, Dr. W. A. Criswell, pastor, has announced the launching of an annual program to be called "School of the Prophets" which will allow pastors and other church leaders to visit the church for a three day intensive study of its program and methods.

A letter from Dr. Criswell tells of the plans for the school. It is as follows:

Dear Dr. Odle:

This letter is written to enlist your help in promoting the first, annual SCHOOL OF THE PROPHETS, a three-day seminar in Church Dynamics, to be held this coming March 19, 20, 21, here in the First Baptist Church of Dallas.

We receive a multitude of requests from Pastors and Church Staff Members from across the Convention, asking to come and see how we are doing the work of the Lord in our church. Because these requests are mounting, I thought we might establish this SCHOOL OF THE PROPHETS and invite all persons interested in a detailed outline of our church program to come at the same time and let us review and relearn this work together.

We have planned the first SCHOOL OF THE PROPHETS to follow immediately the Nationwide Bible Conference to be held in Dallas next March. We are urging those wanting to attend our school to come early and attend the conference also. This will strengthen our National Bible Conference.

A charge of \$35 tuition will include a thick notebook of material outlining our program, lunch at the church on each of the three days, and 20 actual class hours of teaching. The magnitude of such an undertaking, and the widespread interest in the school already, has compelled us to limit enrollment to the first 1,000 applications received.

A brochure of the seminar, giving all details and a full outline of the program, can be secured by writing to First Baptist Church, Corner N. Ervay and San Jacinto, Dallas, Texas.

Sincerely yours,
W. A. Criswell

KENYA: When a new group of Baptist missionaries arrived in Limuru, Kenya, they not only faced the problem of learning a new language, Swahili, but also of learning to drive on the "wrong" side of the road from the "wrong" side of the car (since Kenya follows the British pattern). Every day they attended language classes in Nairobi, about 20 miles away. The women returned home to their children at noon, leaving the men to attend afternoon classes. On the very first day the ladies chose Mrs. Thomas A. Jones Sr. to drive them home. "It was her birthday, you see," explained one of the husbands later. "The ladies knew that people all over the States would be praying for her and any needs she might have. They got home, too. Nervous wrecks, but safe!"

ished East Pakistan could not possibly cope. The inland is already grossly overcrowded. The lot of the urban dwellers is often harsher than that of the Delta people, though safer.

So the fatalistic orthodox Muslims who live in the Delta accept their recurring peril, raise large families, and refuse to move away from the rich farming area.

In this tragic country are seven Southern Baptist missionary families (three others are on furlough). Theirs is one of the most difficult and most challenging countries in which Southern Baptists witness. It is particularly difficult for the wives and their daughters, for women must go to the market or to get water.

Sociable, outgoing Betty McKinley, of Feni, stronghold of Muslim orthodoxy, and her daughters, Cherie and Kathy, rarely ever leave their yard except for worship on Sunday morning.

But the missionaries of East Pakistan do not want sympathy or pity.

That Book

By Veda Lozok

The jeep stopped and the three national guardsmen watched intently. The Venezuelan Baptist Mission was in its annual meeting, a time when the missionaries come together from all parts of the country to make plans for the next year's work.

Following a custom of years, we had taken dining chairs out of the cabins occupied by the various families to form an "auditorium" for Sunday worship services. The beauty of nature in the outdoor setting enhanced the attitude of worship there in Los Caracas, a government-owned vacation village for middle-class workers.

Missionary Henry Haynes was bringing the morning message as the jeep stopped, and the guardsmen watched. Finally, one of them motioned to our 16-year-old Paul, who was standing at the back of the group. As the conversation became lengthy, I thought, What can be wrong? We've been meeting like this for the past 10 years without anyone objecting.

"They want to know about 'that book' Uncle Hank is talking about," explained Paul, slipping over to my chair. "In fact, they'd like to have a Bible in Spanish."

I relayed the message to George, my husband, and it went around the group. Someone passed over a well-used Spanish New Testament and Paul took it to the men. "Tell them to wait," I whispered. "Katy Harlan, our youngest lady, is about to look for a New Testament for each of them. Meanwhile, George talked to the men about the copy in hand."

"I was in a meeting once," said one of the men, "where someone was teaching from that book, and it fascinated me. All of us are interested in knowing what it says. In fact, there are a number of people who work here at Los Caracas that would like for someone to come and teach us the things that are in that book. If someone will come, we'll plan a meeting. We'd meet one night of every week if there were a teacher."

Katy gave a copy of the popular Spanish New Testament *Dios Llega al Hombre*, (God Comes to Man) to each of the visitors. They went on their way, making plans to talk with friends about a Bible study meeting. One of the joys of serving in Venezuela is that there are so many people in all walks of life who want to know about "that Book."

LUNG CANCER in 1912 was called "the rarest of diseases." Then in the 1920s it began to increase. In the 1940s and 1950s the mortality figures zoomed upward at an unbelievable rate. In England, between 1924 and 1951, the death rates shot up tenfold while in Holland they soared twentyfold. In New York State, in 1947, the death rate was frightening; yet even that high figure was doubled in 1967. From 1940 to 1960, the death toll from lung cancer increased 500%. Throughout the past decade the death rate has continued to mount.

In 1950 Wynder and Graham reported 684 proven cases of lung cancer in men and women. They discovered that of the 605 cases in men only eight had been nonsmokers. From England came a report from a study of 1,357 cases of lung cancer — only seven were nonsmokers.

Scientists have identified in tobacco smoke eight different chemicals that are soluble products that can be spread throughout the body by the blood stream, causing cancer in organs as far removed from the lungs as the urinary bladder.

Yugoslavian Professor, Dr. Srboljub Stojiljkovic, says alcoholism is a serious problem in Yugoslavia. About 10 million gallons of alcoholic beverages are consumed yearly. 67.4% of 36,000 secondary school pupils questioned indulge in drinking. 18,000 alcoholics are being treated at the Institute on Alcoholism in Belgrade. Intoxication is involved in: 30% of auto fatalities, 32.6% of all murders, 26.2% of all conflagrations, 17.6% of all rapes, 40% of industry accidents, and 33% of divorces.

Disasters Are Perpetual For Ganges Delta Farmers

By Ione Gray

DACCA, East Pakistan — "Why don't these people move to land that is higher?" I kept asking myself during a cyclone which smashed into the flatlands of East Pakistan in late October.

That was two weeks before another storm, with 120-mile-per-hour winds and 20-foot waves, wrought havoc along the East Pakistan coastline of the Bay of Bengal.

I was in East Pakistan when the first of these hit. And I was still trying to find the answer to my question when I heard news of the second while in Lebanon.

More than 300 people are reported to have been killed in the second now stands at more than 200,000, and the Pakistan Times predicts that the death toll might ultimately reach one million. (Previously, the worst known disaster was the Yellow River flood in China in 1887. Its estimated toll was 900,000.) As gruesome as the figures are, the November 12 tragedy in East Pakistan is just one of a perpetual

string of natural disasters which strike at the low-lying islands and peninsulas. On many occasions, the deaths of tens of thousands of persons go unnoticed in the outside world, and even take second place to other news in Pakistan itself. These storms come around May, when the rice is being planted, and in October and November, when the harvest is due.

Long as it is, the record of cyclones in the Bay of Bengal is incomplete, taking note only of major catastrophes. In 1822, 100,000 people were killed; in 1876, 215,000. Other big storms occurred in October, 1960, and May, 1965.

Each of these storms struck where the world's most fertile soil. The rice it grows is vital, not only to the people who live there, but to the well-being — such as it is — of all East Pakistan.

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Jamuna, and the Brahmaputra — merge to form a massive delta, hot and flat, said to be the largest in the world.

By repute the people are among the most devout and orthodox of Muslims in all Pakistan, a country created to be a safe homeland for their faith. And it is an article of that faith that "God disposes" and good Muslims accept disaster and death, not simply with resignation, but with spirit.

Whether or not spiritual conviction binds the people of the delta to their dangerous land, the horrible fact is that they cannot go anywhere else and hope for anything but abject poverty. The islands and other land

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to serve its purpose, the land they live on has to be low-lying and dangerous. It must lie open to the beneficent riverfloods of the monsoon season if it is to grow rice. Each September, some 90 per cent of the land is covered by the mild, silt-bearing water of the rivers.

The delta area is overpopulated and impoverished. Apart from those who die in each major cyclone calamity, there are countless thousands left in conditions which would mean death to the sturdiest Westerner. Yet the people of East Pakistan seem to have some inborn ability to survive.

Moreover, they breed against the menace of catastrophe. In this afflicted area, the average family has 10 children.

But still, following a calamity, some say they would like to go away. But where is there for them to go? Inland, in Dacca and the other towns, or on the higher ground to the north, there is no hope for them. East Pakistan, with a population of 72,000,000, is about the size of Arkansas.

A mass migration would create a refugee problem with which impover-

"Bill Wallace Of China" Nurse, Hayes, Wages Low-Key Recruiting Drive

RICHMOND (BP)—A Southern Baptist missionary nurse who worked with the martyred Bill Wallace of China before he died in a Chinese Communist prison, is back in the United States, waging a low-key recruitment program trying to interest American nursing students in missionary nursing.

Miss Everley Hayes, who now works in a Baptist hospital in Kediri, Indonesia, is in the U.S.A. on furlough meeting with nursing students to answer questions they have about nursing overseas.

Some of the questions seem routine, such as: "What do you eat?" "What about social life abroad?" "How are

sanitary conditions?" Miss Hayes finds that once the students begin to weed out their misconceptions they can easily catch some of her excitement about her profession.

Many students have thought of missionary nursing as an isolated existence, she notes. They are surprised to learn that missionary nurses often are involved in much more than just nursing—for example, teaching programs conducted by mission hospitals in seeking to train nationals and instill in them a concern for their own people.

Students have tended to think of missionary nursing as a lonely existence, says Miss Hayes. But she tells about a former missionary journey-

man who said she felt lonely after returning to the United States from two years' service overseas.

On the mission field, one is part of the mission family—part of a team, all dedicated to similar goals, Miss Hayes explains.

In talking with nursing students, she wants to inform them of "what is being done right now and what can possibly be done in the future," but she is often asked about her past. Although she has worked in Indonesia since 1963, she is known to many Baptists as the nurse who worked with missionary physician Bill Wallace in China for two years before the Communists arrested him.

After his imprisonment, her days were punctuated by frequent periods

of military interrogation, but she says she felt no terror.

"I learned some lessons," she adds. "I learned to take a situation on daily faith, and I learned patience. I had always been very impatient."

She was not allowed to work at the hospital during the time of her internment, but a piano and a folding organ were available to her. The music, she believes, helped sustain her through the trying time. To this day she loves music and continues to play.

Miss Hayes received the body of the martyred Dr. Wallace from the Communists, saw to its burial, and finally got out of Wuchow to the haven of Hong Kong.

She sailed for home in August, 1961. After doing some postgraduate work

in operating room techniques, she went to Indonesia, where she is now based at the Baptist Hospital in Kediri.

To nursing students who fear being swallowed up in the routine of a large hospital, Everley Hayes can say with authority that no such danger exists in the small mission hospital. When the Kediri hospital was started she set up the equipment and procedures for the operating room.

Now she supervises the operating room, works in central supply, and scrubs for surgery. She teaches surgical nursing, operating room techniques, nursing mathematics and the introduction to pharmacology to the

hospital's young nursing students. One of her pet projects is directing the student nurses' choir, which often fills outside engagements. To those who fear getting bogged down with paper work she says, "I don't stay at my desk long enough to get it uncovered!"

Of journeying, the benefits are many: The freshness it brings to the heart, the seeing and hearing of marvelous things, the delight of beholding new cities, the meeting of unknown friends, the learning of high manners—Sadi, Persian poet born in 1184 who spent many years wandering in Asia Minor.

Dr. Applewhite Works At Baptist Hospital While On Furlough From Kediri, Indonesia

A Jacksonian, Dr. C. W. Applewhite, a medical missionary to Indonesia, is currently doing some work at Mississippi Baptist Hospital during a one-year furlough.

Dr. Applewhite is assigned to a hospital supported by the Southern Baptist Convention and located in the city of Kediri (population 200,000), on the eastern end of the island. A population of 1,000,000 lives within a five-mile radius of this city.

The 120-bed general hospital in Kediri had 35,000 outpatients last year. About 3,500 were admitted to the hospital, and about 1600 major operations were performed.

Dr. Applewhite's duties include teaching in the School of Nursing operated by the hospital in Kediri. He teaches chemistry, pathology, and tropical medicine. The hospital has two Indonesian interns and one Indonesian resident who will assist the two American doctors while Dr. Applewhite is on furlough.

The Applewhites will return to Indonesia in June. Meanwhile, they are



DR. C. W. APPLEWHITE (right) confers with Dr. H. K. Stauss, of the medical staff of Mississippi Baptist Hospital, as he works at the hospital during a one-year furlough from duties as a medical missionary in Indonesia.

enjoying being close to their daughters Becky and Charlotte, who are students at Mississippi College, Virginia, a junior at Murray this year, and Elizabeth, a Bailey student, will return with their parents to Indonesia next summer.



MC Receives Valuable Volume Of Maps

FERRY HICKS, a Mississippi College graduate and a Southern Baptist missionary to Africa, has presented a valuable volume of African maps to the Mississippi College library in memory of the late P. I. Lipsey, longtime professor of history at the college. Looking over the volume are, from the left, J. B. Howell, librarian; Mrs. P. I. Lipsey, associate professor of English; and Dr. Howard E. Spell, professor of Bible. The unique publication, consisting of 77 historically important maps, is ideal for researchers and cartographers. (M.C. Photo by Norman Gough)



Salem (Lauderdale) Burns Note

SALEM CHURCH, Route 1, Toomsaba, in Lauderdale County, held a note-burning ceremony on December 13 at the evening worship service. This signified payment of all debt on their new church building. The two men above in the center of the front row, burning the note, are V. H. Dennis, left, deacon, and Rev. Purser S. Davis, right, retiring pastor. Other deacons pictured are, left to right, Leslie R. Wright, Jr., R. W. Shelton, James Smith, Abraham Ward, and Milton Yates.

Baptist Viewpoll

Baptist Leaders Speak Out On Pollution Problems

By Kenneth Hayes

NASHVILLE (BP)—Local Southern Baptist churches should lead their members to involve themselves in attempts to solve the problems of air and water pollution, according to a poll taken among a representative panel of Southern Baptist pastors and Sunday School teachers.

The Baptist VIEWpoll asked this question: "How should a local Southern Baptist church be involved in attempts to solve the problems of air and water pollution?" Panelists were asked to select one of four alternate responses.

The overwhelming majority of pastors (61.7 per cent) and Sunday School teachers (76.3 per cent) indicated that a local Southern Baptist

church should "lead church members to involve themselves and cooperate actively with the authorities" in attempts to solve air and water pollution problems.

A small proportion of the representative panel (4.4 per cent of the pastors and 3.6 per cent of the teachers) feel that a local church should "preach and teach on the subject; but refrain from encouraging active involvement."

There are those on the panel who feel that to solve the problems of air and water pollution "is none of the church's business" (7.0 per cent of the pastors and 13.5 per cent of the teachers).

Of the 13.5 per cent of the teachers who feel that air and water pollution

"is none of the church's business," over one-half (53.3 per cent) are classed as politically conservative and one-fifth, conservative in religious matters. It would appear from the findings that there is some relationship between a conservative life style and this position.

Some of the panel (6.9 per cent of the pastors and 6.6 per cent of the teachers) had "no opinion" on the local church's role in dealing with air and water pollution problems.

The findings for the current poll are based upon a 92 per cent response from the Baptist VIEWpoll panel members, composed of 312 pastors and 375 Sunday School teachers. Selected to represent a cross section of leadership in the Southern Baptist Convention.

New Orleans Seminary Announces Plans For Missions Conference

An outstanding Student Missions Conference is scheduled for February 26-27, at New Orleans Seminary, according to Dr. Helen Falls, professor of missions. Nineteen Southern Baptist missionaries and mission board personnel are listed as program leaders for the two-day emphasis on the role of college young people in today's world mission program.

Among the key speakers will be Dr. Keith Parks, area secretary for Southeast Asia for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

Other speakers include Dr. Stanley Nelson of the Missionary Journeyman Program; Warren Woolf of the U.S. Program; Dr. and Mrs. Oliver Gilliland, medical missionaries to Indonesia; Richard Wilson, director of Rachel Simms Mission in New Orleans; and other well-known Southern Baptist missionaries.

The Student Missions Conference is planned for mission volunteers and for those seriously considering missions as a life work. The program will include conferences, group discussions, and inspirational messages. Free housing will be provided on the Seminary campus. The only cost to the student will be for transportation, meals, and a registration fee of \$2.00.

Information regarding group reservations as well as general information is available by writing Dr. Helen E. Falls, 3939 Gentilly Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana, 70126.

The Five-Day Plan to quit smoking, sponsored in scores of communities by the Seventh-Day Adventist church, started in the early sixties, has resulted in hundreds of thousands giving up smoking. In 1969, it was estimated that more than two million people had gone through the Five-Day Plan.

Rev. Clayton C. Bath, formerly pastor of Emmanuel Church, Starkville, has assumed duties as pastor of Lakeview, Leland.

Mr. Bath served the Emmanuel church 4½ years. Prior to the ministry there, he was graduated from New Orleans Seminary, from which he holds the Th.M. degree. He is a graduate of Tennessee Temple College, B.A., and was pastor of churches in Pueblo and Denver, Colo. before attending the seminary.

The membership at Emmanuel presented the Bath family with a silver punch service.

"Mr. Bath is a native of Ft. Collins, Colorado. Mrs. Bath, nee Eleanor Jones, is from Dothan, Alabama. The Baths have two children, Diana 12, and Stephen 9.

To Enter Evangelism

Tommy Winders, a native of Tupelo, and graduate of Delta State College, will enter full-time evangelism upon completion of requirements for the Master of Theology degree from New Orleans Seminary in March.

Mr. Winders is married to the former Diane Koonce of Oklahoma City, graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University; they have one daughter, Kristi Lyn, 1.

Winders has preached and conducted revivals and crusades in Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, Florida, Alabama, Texas, California, Oklahoma, and Tennessee. He served as Director of the Greater New Orleans Baptist Youth Rally from July, 1969, to March, 1971, and over 300 young people were saved as a result of these rallies. He also served as Minister of Youth at First Church, New Orleans, Louisiana.

I'm Cramming For The Finals

After teaching school for forty years, a Kentucky man retired and began memorizing the Bible. When a friend asked him why, the ex-school teacher said: "I'm cramming for the finals!"

By any measure, the teacher had quite a job ahead of him. It would be no easy task to commit 31,173 verses to memory. Let's do a bit of figuring. If he retired at age sixty-five, with a reasonable expectation of living age to eighty-five—a total of twenty years—he would have to memorize 1,500 verses each year to successfully "cram for the finals."

Suppose he did accomplish the gigantic task, would that feat in itself prepare him for the "final examination"? Of course not.

Though the Scriptures are able to make one wise unto salvation, they must be believed as well as

memorized. For example, a person might be able to quote Romans 10:9 perfectly, but unless he acknowledged Jesus Christ as his Lord, and believed in his heart that God had raised him from the dead, he would not be saved. And, unless the man were saved, he would not be ready for the final examination.

May the man memorize as much Scripture as possible; but, by all means may he place his personal trust in the crucified, risen and glorified Lord and Saviour, who said: "Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else." (Isaiah 45:22).

"Neither as there salvation in any other; for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12).—NOW

Writing Contest For Girls

A creative writing competition for girls age 12-17 has been announced by Woman's Missionary Union.

The contest is being conducted by Accent, the magazine for Acteens. Miss Oleta Gentry, the editor of Accent, said entries should be on one of the following subjects: nature, people, buildings, or books. Writing submitted must be completely original and may be of any length. Entries must be postmarked on or before March 31, 1971.

Winning compositions will be announced in the September 1971 issue of Accent. Winning compositions will be published in Accent.

He will move to Oklahoma City in March and set up headquarters there. His address will be 1005 S. W. 70th, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73139 (Telephone—405-632-3809).



Young People Give Pastor A Money Tree

Rev. James Haynes, pastor of Shiloh Church near Oxford, has resigned to enroll as student at William Carey College. On his leaving Shiloh, the Young Married People's Sunday School Class sponsored a surprise going-away party and presented to the pastor's family a money tree. Mr. Haynes, his wife, Sandra, and daughter, Scarlet, are shown above by the money tree (left). At right, Mr. and Mrs. Haynes are cutting the cake at the party.

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The Parables Of Jesus Were Down To Earth, On The Level Of Human Experience

By Clifton J. Allen
Matthew 13:44-50; Luke 14:15-24

The parables of Jesus were down to earth. That is, they were on the level of human experience. They were illustrations drawn from the context of home and family, work and business, religion and human relationships. In this lesson, Jesus used everyday experience to teach about the value of the kingdom of heaven. The kingdom, which is the rule of God in the hearts of men, is now — as it was when Christ spoke these parables — the supreme value. And it becomes the true criterion by which to measure all values. Our goals and purposes, our ambitions and aspirations, our investments and actions, our attitudes and behavior, are all to be measured by the principles and values of the kingdom of God.

Worth All One Has
Matthew 13:44-46

These two parables — one about

the hidden treasure, the other about a costly pearl — may be thought of together. They teach one central truth: the supreme value of the kingdom of God. Both drew on experiences familiar to Jesus' hearers. People did not place their treasures in safety boxes in bank vaults. They hid them, often by burial. Thus it happened that a man accidentally discovered a buried treasure. He then quickly converted all his possessions into money and bought the field in order to possess the treasure he had discovered. Also, it was common for a merchant or trader to travel and search for fine gems. Such a person found one pearl of so great a value that he sold all his other gems in order to buy it. The central truth of both parables is at once obvious. The kingdom of God is worth all that one has — in fact, infinitely more. A person must give up all that he has for the sake of the kingdom — that is, he must acknowledge Christ as Lord in order to enter the kingdom. Nothing should come before loyalty to Christ, obedience to Christ, and love for Christ.

Offered Freely To All
Luke 14:15-23

A common element in messianic expectation was that the breaking in of the new age would be celebrated by a great feast given by God. Jesus made this the basis of his illustration or his parable. Consider the story. A man planned a great banquet and invited many persons. Later, at the time of the feast, a servant was sent to announce it and to tell the guests to come. But now they were preoccupied with other interests and began to make excuses for not attending. The persons invited to the feast were really indifferent to the host. Jesus was declaring the sad fact that the Jews, to whom the kingdom came first, were rejecting God's invitation because they were rejecting the Messiah. Then a servant was sent out to invite the poor and handicapped and forgotten people of the streets. Still there was room for others. And so the servant was sent out into the highways and hedges to find other persons and constrain them to come to the feast.

The messianic banquet was for all

to teach that the kingdom of God is offered freely to all persons who will receive it. The entreaties of God in Christ reach out to publicans and sinners, to the poor and the weak, to the underprivileged and the handicapped, to outcasts and to persons in the eyes of men worthless and hopeless.

Terrible Loss of Rejection
(Luke 14:24)

Jesus concluded the parable with a word of fearful warning. Those who reject the invitation of the kingdom of God will never taste the blessed joy of its life and fellowship. People are not forced into the kingdom of God. They are not really "compelled" to come in; they are only constrained by the loving entreaties of God's love in Christ and the convicting work of the Holy Spirit. There is terrible loss in rejection. One misses forever God's gracious forgiveness of sins. One misses forever the friendship and lordship of Christ. One misses forever the comfort and guidance and strength of the Holy Spirit. One misses forever the hope of heaven and being with the Lord.

Truths to Live By

"Salvation is free yet costs everything." — This truth is a paradox. The salvation of the kingdom of God is priceless. To have Christ is to have everything good. But this salvation is free, "without money and without price." Salvation must be received by realizing that one is unworthy of it and can do nothing to earn it. Eternal life is the free gift of God in Jesus Christ. On the other hand, salvation costs everything: a person must be willing to give all that he has to obtain it. This means that he must be willing to let nothing stand between him and humbling himself in repentance before God and in surrender to Christ as Lord.

The kingdom of God is worth your life. — This is the crux of the matter when a person considers the value of the kingdom. Christ does not want what we have; he wants what we are. He wants us! And he will not accept other gifts as substitutes. When we give life or when we give self, we gain Christ. And when we have Christ, we have the secret of the abundant life. It is not a severe test to yield

part of one's money or a portion of one's time for the sake of the kingdom. The question is, will a person give himself to the kingdom? This is the commitment a person is required to make in exchange for the blessings of the kingdom of God.

There is priceless joy in the kingdom of God. — What false ideas so many persons have about the Christian life! The kingdom of God, like a banquet, is the occasion for celebration and is marked by an atmosphere of joy. To be in the kingdom is to be delivered from the galling bondage of evil, to be lifted out of the sorrow and remorse of guilt for sins unforgiven, and to be saturated with the joyous challenge of achievement and fulfillment on the highest level of moral excellence and self-giving helpfulness to other persons. The kingdom of God is freedom under Christ, strength to overcome through the Spirit, joy in what is done to relieve other persons and help them to be glad, and certain assurance that God the Father knows and cares and that the love of God in Christ will never fail.

Sunday School Lesson: Life And Work

The Real Answer Jesus Gave To Nicodemus Was This: "Ye Must Be Born Again"

By Bill Duncan
John 3:1-13

"There was a man of the Pharisee, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews: The same came to Jesus by night." This statement by John about Nicodemus gives us a number of important facts about the night visitor. He was a member of that group of Jews who truly believed the scriptures were the word of God and valued and honored them. As a ruler of the Jews, he was a member of the Sanhedrin, which was a council like our Supreme Court and only able respected men in the community could belong. Some have thought that the visit at night was a sign of cowardness. Actually it takes more courage to talk in quiet sincerity than in noisy

approach. The respect given to Jesus in the conversation showed an urgent interest.

John gives us the only information about Nicodemus. At the burial, Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus were the two that carried out the task. The fact is that Nicodemus did not confess Christ openly because he feared the Jews. This could be a matter of caution for he knew he stood in danger of stirring up much feeling against himself, but also against Jesus.

The dialogue of John 3:1-13 does not report what Nicodemus wanted to know. Jesus knew what was in man and no doubt he was able to read the desires of Nicodemus's heart. Jesus, answered the unspoken question. What is your unspoken question that you bring to this study? Can God help you find the right answer? Are you in a spirit to receive what teaching that Jesus declares?

The real answer that Nicodemus received was that a person had to be "born again." As you read the scripture you know that there is only one way to come into this physical life and that is by birth. The only way a person can enter eternal life is by birth. This birth to eternal life is called "born again."

To be born again means to be born of water and the Spirit. (1) Water refers to the teaching of John the Baptist who spoke about sin, preaching that men should turn from them and confess repentance by one life in repentance. (2) Spirit refers to the teaching of Jesus who preached about life in God, calling upon men to believe God and receive the Holy Spirit. The soul must repent of sin and believe what God has promised. Anyone who responds in this way will have the indwelling Spirit, the Kingdom of God within, a relationship of being obedient to God.

There is a great difference between the physical world and the spiritual. The physical things in this world are handled by the senses in our bodies. We respond in this way. However, spiritual matters, which cannot be seen, are understood in faith according to the word of God. This is why it is so hard for a non-believer to understand salvation. A person must have faith in God and His promise before he can be saved. There is no way a person can reason his way into salvation either he comes by faith in response to God's call or he does not enter.

The wind is still blowing today. Do you feel it against your face? Do you understand where it came from? Nicodemus came eye to eye with God. The interesting thing is that this still happens today. The Holy Spirit is still at work. The wind is still blowing.

Eddie Waxer of Michigan State University felt like he was lost in the

woods. He wanted to lead a good life, but his human controls never were capable of achieving it. He was Jewish in background, but he never found satisfaction in rituals therefore he rejected all religion. During a school break he met a very attractive, intelligent girl who enjoyed tennis. One night after tennis, they talked about Jesus Christ. She was the first person who ever talked to him about Jesus Christ as if she knew him. He was amazed that a sharp girl could have such beliefs. Soon after, one night he knelt in prayer and opened his heart and asked Jesus to come in. The following morning he woke up happy for a change. It was obvious to his fellows that he had a new enthusiasm and interest in life that he had never known before. He had come to know what it means to be born again.

Salvation depends upon the new birth. This is the promise of the word of God. When Christians in their per-

sonal lives show the effect of being born again, their testimony is clear to the whole world. "We speak what we do know, and testify that we have seen." However the person must believe and accept the truth before salvation comes.

The unspoken question might have been how can I become as you are? There may be a great Christian in life you want to become like. Before one can live the Christian life he must know he has been born again.

A man's career usually progresses in direct proportion to the disappearance of his hair.

Even if you're on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there.

Wisdom only comes with experience and experience only comes with time.

Thirteen Mississippians Awarded Degrees From New Orleans Seminary

Thirteen Mississippians received degrees in commencement exercises December 18 at New Orleans Seminary. (Not pictured below are Mrs. Buford G. Easley and Gerald H. Love.)

Degrees awarded were: Everett

Emile Reconnu, pastor of Shifalo Church, Kiln, Miss.; M. R. E. degree; Gerald H. Love, pastor of Bayou Church, Slidell, La., formerly of Europa, Miss., Specialist in Education degree (he also holds the Th.M. degree); Mrs. Buford G. Easley, for-

merly of Houka, whose husband is pastor of Isabel Church, Bogalusa, La., Diploma in Religious Education; Walter Eugene Henderson, pastor at Sunflower, Miss., while studying at the seminary, Master of Theology, Honors Program; C. Lonnie Earn-

est, pastor of Mesa Church, Tyler, town, Master of Theology; Alfred N. Evans, pastor of First Church, Houka, Master of Theology; Jack O'Neil Giles, pastor of Macedonia, Meridian, Master of Theology; Gerald Edward James, graduate of William Carey,

now pastor of Isney Church, Silas, Ala., Master of Theology; O. Wayne Smith, pastor of Lula Church, Lula, Miss., Master of Theology; Richard Henry Crapps, pastor of Society Hill Church, Oak Vale, Miss., Master of Theology, Honors Program; Carl

Thomas Wood, pastor of Mount Zion, Oskola, Master of Theology; N. Thomas Wicker, pastor of Bethel Church, Liberty, Diploma in Theology; and David L. Sellers, pastor of Mt. Nebo Church, Collinsville, Master of Theology, Honors Program.



Responsible Laymen Generally Like For Their Pastors "To Call It As It Is"

By C. DeWitt Matthews,
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My country's deacon father was often perplexed about what he thought were ministerial peculiarities, although he admitted that some laymen give preachers a hard time, too. He was particularly irritated when serving on pulp committees by what he heard from preachers about other preachers.

"Why don't preachers tell pulp committees the truth about their brethren?" he asked. "Their letters to our committee rarely ever list the unflattering things about the man they want us to consider. So, if all we knew was what preachers write us about each other we'd make more wrong choices than we do make. On the other hand, any reputable business firm analyzes an applicant's weakness and strength, knowing that no man can do all things well, so dependable decisions on personnel employment are based on the whole picture. But preachers generally just tell committees the nice things about their brethren, which is essentially misleading and ultimately dishonest."

The process by which most Baptist preachers are called to churches is heavily dependent on letters of recommendation. Such correspondence is desirable, but it should more honestly present the facts than most of it does. How often, for instance, have pulp committees received letters of recommendation that were expressed in such general terms of approval

that they really said nothing? Sometimes denominational leaders and influential pastors write such fence-straddling letters that they just confuse committees. It is, in fact, rare that such letters forthrightly give the man's ineptness alongside of his capability. Laymen wonder, then, why letters from preachers to pulp committees do not more often give the bad with the good!

For instance, I know of one volatile minister who has been evicted from practically every pastorate he's had because his personality is as prickly as a porcupine's back. He seems to have a genius for irritating others by his dogmatic insistence that he's right and others are wrong. But he clashes with equally strong-willed laymen, which ultimately spells doom. In fact, he is his own worst enemy and a capable counselor would have a field day using this man as a case history in psychological maladjustment. But did the letters to the pulp committees contain references to his domineering tendencies? Not a line. A member of one of the committees said, "We had letters from several top pastors and other Baptist leaders that declared simply that the man was orthodox in faith and loyal to the de-

nomination." This belligerence was his major weakness. They just ignored this trait, hoping, I guess, that no church would find it out before calling him. This dishonesty shook me, for I had expected the truth from our leaders when we asked for their appraisal.

Laymen are irked, too, by some preachers who when wanting a raise

in salary, staff additions, or other improvements, leak the word to certain gullible saints that they have enticing offers to go elsewhere. This is a pressure tactic that laymen resent. Some pastors have threatened to resign if certain things were not approved, but when approval did not come they backed off from their threat and remained. Laymen rightly think this is petty politics unworthy of God's ministers. Besides such men usually make a mistake to remain when they've already announced their intention to leave. Laymen generally like for their pastors to "call it as it is" and not try sly maneuvers, for most active laymen can discern the true state of affairs.

One ambitious but bumbling preacher announced to a deacon that on his jaunt into another state he had offers from six churches to become pastor. The deacon smiled when telling of it, and then observed, "If he had even one firm offer he'd take it, but his ego needs boosting so badly that it gives him a 'charge' to talk to others about what he desires as if it's what has already happened." Responsible laymen dislike pastors to "profess more than they possess" in efforts to be more impressive than they are.

Laymen are further perplexed by the pastor who, when confronted by overwhelming evidence that the church's leadership thinks he should seek another pastorate, immediately hides behind the ministerial cliché that "God led me here and he has not led me away." Dedicated laymen believe that God leads, but they are suspicious of a pastor's motives and misde-

eds. The rugged reality of his deteriorating hold on a church. It is then that many laymen want to scream to such a foolish man, "But, Parson, we think it's God's will for you to go." Under such a condition the whole church sometimes becomes stalemated until the pastor can and will move on. Many laymen wonder about such pastoral blindness to reality.

Still further, laymen have serious doubts about a pastor's motivation if he refers to my church, my deacons, my program, and my budget. They know none of these things "belong" to the pastor, so they wish his hungry egotism didn't show so plainly.

Many thoughtful laymen can't see why the denomination hasn't long since worked out a plan to assist pastors and churches to get together and apart. They don't see any threat to the church's autonomy in this suggestion. Most of them are actually sympathetic with pastors who, for various reasons, simply can't "make connections" to move. Some may be modest men who hesitate to ask others to recommend them. Others may

beheadness if he will not face up to shy away from any suggestions of political manipulation. Many laymen believe, therefore, that the denomination ought to put its best brains hard at work to devise some helpful process that would relieve pastors of embarrassment when churches feel forced to demand their resignation.

Some pastors wisely encourage "talk back" sessions with their laymen, being unafraid of their criticism.

However it is done, pastors should care about laymen's opinions. Further, they need to understand that most active laymen love God and the church as much as the pastors do, so their suggestions are not generally destructive.

At any rate, loyal laymen still pay

the bill, keep the church going and run interference for much that pastors want done. For these reasons, and many more, laymen ought more often to be heeded and not hushed into acquiescing silence about improvements preachers need to make in their pattern of ministry.

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Devotional

Serve The Lord With Gladness

By Joe Abrams, Associate Editor
The Baptist Record

A Christian has been saved to serve. His greatest joy will result from his service to his Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. Service to Christ is service to both God and man. The highest act of service one can render is to lead another to know the Lord.

There are many factors in Christian service, but we are concerned here with one very important element, that being how we should serve.

In our text, Psalm 100: 1-2, the inspired writer says we should serve the Lord with gladness. In our relationship with others we expect them to do things for us gladly. Usually, we prefer that they do them gladly or not at all. By the same reasoning our Lord would expect that we serve him in the same manner. We can in that case put ourselves in his place and understand how he feels.

The word "gladness" is of the Lord. In Psalm 4:7 the Psalmist indicates that his gladness has been provided by the Lord. In the New Testament we note that gladness prevailed when the Prodigal returned home and the feast was prepared. Gladness should prevail anytime a lost soul is saved. The angels in Heaven are glad when one soul is saved.

Let us ask three questions that will help us to see more clearly the meaning of gladness in service.

Do you feel that others should perform or share in the service that you would normally perform? If so, that is definitely the wrong attitude. One should look upon service as an opportunity, a challenge, a joy, a privilege that he should not want to be denied. The story of the "Good Samaritan" is a case in point. His service was commended by Jesus, at least partly because the service was rendered gladly, and with every effort to complete his service.

At this point the degree of service enters in. The one who is rendering service grudgingly will likely reach the place where the burden will cause him to cast it off while the one who serves gladly will likely begin to render more and greater service.

Do you feel that your service is not recognized as it should be? This is also a wrong attitude. If one serves gladly, he will not put undue emphasis on the recognition of man, although this does have a place. One should look primarily to God, not man, for recognition. Someone has said that a person can render much service provided he is not too concerned about who gets the credit.

Do you feel that others have a higher or better place of service that you should have? Wrong attitude, again. God has a definite place of service for each one. If you do not fill the place of service God has for you, the chances are that it will not be filled. If we are serving gladly we will not likely have any thought of our place in comparison with others. God expects each one of us to use his talents, regardless of the talents possessed by others.

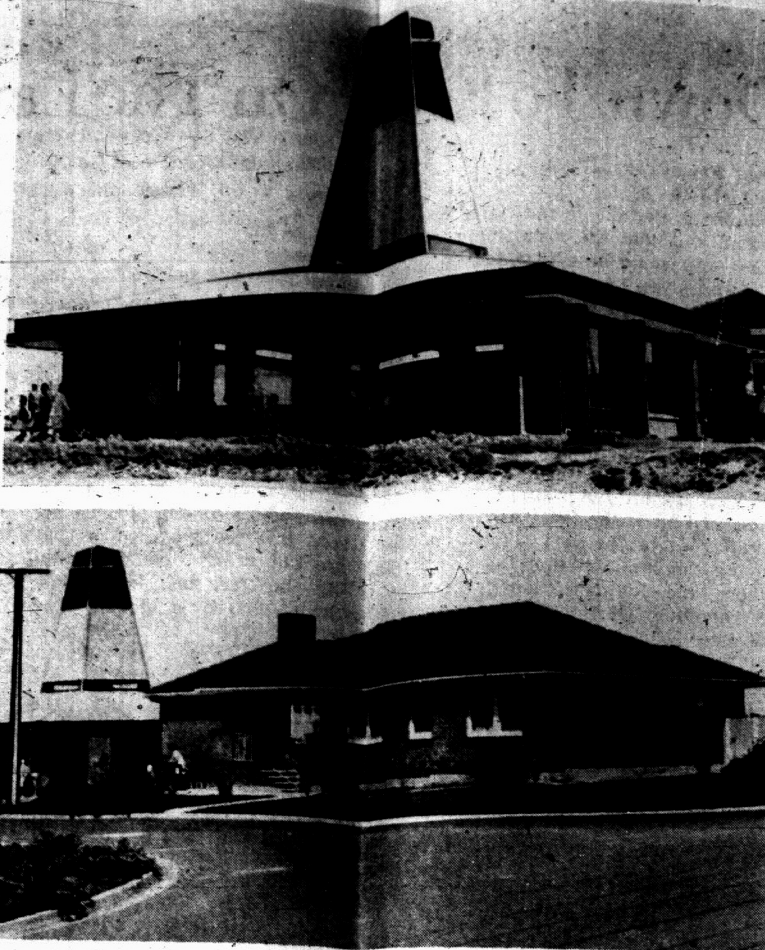
Serving the Lord with gladness will result in a joyful, satisfying, rewarding, influential life. Serving the Lord in any other way will result in an empty, frustrating and meaningless life.

There is a kind of false humility which would do away with such terms as "head," "boss," "number one." Christianity does away with false pride, not realistic accomplishment.—C. Earl Cooper.

We seldom evaluate our teaching because we fear the facts.—Robert E. Bingham in "New Ways of Teaching the Old Story," a Broadman book.

Some estimate that there as many as 20 million drug abusers in the country.—William S. Garmon in "How to Fight the Drug Menace," a Broadman book.

Like it or not, life forces us to deal with doubt.—C. W. Brister in "Dealing with Doubt," a Broadman book.



Unusual Architecture: Australian Church

CLOVERCREST Baptist Church in Adelaide, South Australia (top photo) is of unusual modern architecture. Rev. D. F. Lawrence, pastor, lives in the Baptist Manse next door to the church (bottom photo) on Dwight Street, Modbury North, Adelaide.

BMC Registration Set For Jan. 26

Blue Mountain College will hold examinations for the first semester of 1970-71, from Monday, January 18, until Saturday, January 23.

Registration for the second semester will be held on Tuesday, January 26, according to the following schedule: Seniors, 8:30-9:45 a.m.; Juniors, 9:45-11:00 a.m.; Sophomores, 11:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m.; and Freshmen, 1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Registration material may be obtained from the Registrar's Office any time during exam week, but no early registration will be permitted. The date mentioned above will be observed for all second semester registration.

DWIGHT L. MOODY: God sends no one away empty except those who are full of themselves.

RHODESIA: Four ministerial students were graduated recently from the African Baptist Theological Seminary near Gwelo. They had satisfactorily completed a three-year course for preparation as pastors. Three will take permanent places of service in Rhodesia, while the fourth returns to his native Malawi. Southern Baptist missionary Hugh T. McKinley, acting principal, presented the diplomas, and Ralph L. Rummage, missionary adviser in the Gwelo area, was the commencement speaker.

A combination of smoking, eating too much, and lack of exercise creates conditions to encrust the walls of the body's arteries with a kind of "rust" that produces what medicine calls atherosclerosis. Smoking contributes to the condition by constricting the arteries, according to Dr. Paul Dudley White, Boston heart specialist.

To Me, Trash-To Many, Treasure

Note: The following was related by Miss Doris Glenn of Sisco, Tex., a Southern Baptist missionary journeyman who teaches English in the Baptist high school in Nyeri, Kenya. She will complete her two-year tour as a tourneyman next summer.

One Saturday afternoon, as I was rushing around with my hair in rollers getting ready for Sunday, John Muhehla reminded me that I had promised to visit his house that day.

Although I love visiting out in the villages and in the "bush," I told him I didn't have a long time and would have to be back in a couple of hours. (This was rather rude to an African who has no sense of pressure from time.) Anyway, we got into the school's land cruiser and started out.

After about eight miles we stopped driving and started walking. On our two-mile trek we stopped at five huts, where I was greeted by members of John's family. Obviously, they were expecting me. I was beginning to enjoy myself and to feel ashamed that I had been in such a hurry.

As we neared John's house—a mud structure with three rooms—I noticed some pictures pasted on the inside walls. Then I was able to recognize faces—first Kurt Kaiser, then Baker J. Cauthen, then Norma Zimmer—I was appalled.

Pointing to Kurt Kaiser's picture, I said, "John, I know that man. I used to sing with him." John nodded, though he seemed not to understand my excitement.

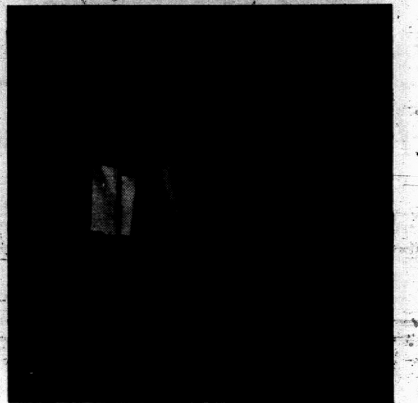
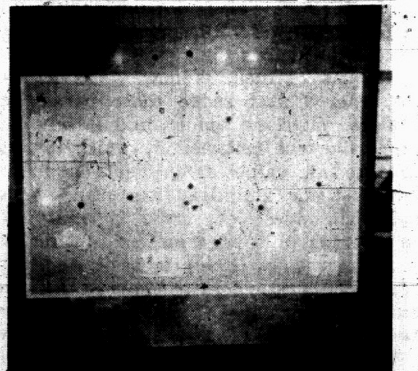
We walked into the house, and I saw covers of different magazines, old Christmas cards, pieces of wrapping paper and other familiar things plastered all over the mud walls.

Then it dawned on me that those things decorating the walls had come from my trash can. My immediate

reaction was to cry, but I couldn't do that because John was beaming as he invited me to come see his prized possession, a Holstein cow.

Later I took pictures of the family, the cow and the house, and I drank tea, ate irio (Kikuyu food), drank tea, accepted gifts of oranges and potatoes, and drank tea.

But my eyes and mind kept wandering back to the walls of the house, and I wondered how many other things I had thrown away—words, opportunities, clothes, food—that many people in the world would consider treasures.

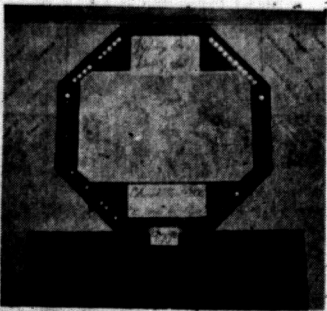


Topeka To Build

Topeka, Church, Route 2, Jayess, exceeded their Lottie Moon Foreign Missions Offering goal of \$75, with an offering of \$101. A map (top photo) of missionary stations equipped with twenty lights, representing \$5 each, was fully lighted. On Wednesday night, December 23, the church enjoyed a fellowship supper, followed by the Christmas program, "The Birthday of a King." Later in the service a bare dogwood tree (bottom photo) was decorated with envelopes containing contributions to the church building fund. The offering of \$73.50 will help to build a new sanctuary, according to Rev. Robert M. Sanders, pastor.

Names In The News

Generation gap? There is no such thing according to Mrs. C. S. Wilkins, retired music teacher. On Friday evening, December 18, Mrs. Wilkins entertained the young people of Abbeville Church (Lafayette County) choir in her home with a Christmas party. For several months she has directed the Youth Choir. "They have developed a splendid choir, and have appeared on numerous occasions. They say that they never miss an opportunity to witness for Christ through their singing," states Mrs. John Roy. A cantata, "Love Transcending," was presented in the church on Sunday night, December 20. In addition to her work with the choir, Mrs. Wilkins teaches piano and voice in her home. "Mrs. Wilkins says that the way to keep young is to keep busy, and she certainly demonstrates her philosophy," continues Mrs. Roy. Rev. Guy Culver is the Abbeville pastor.



Lewis Brynion, member of the Saitillo Church, prepared an unusual design for the foreign mission emphasis during December. A large board, containing a world map, the missions offering goal, and 80 lights, was surrounded by the names of every missionary, and the number of missionaries in each country. Total gifts to the Lottie Moon Offering from Saitillo Church amounted to \$800, reports the pastor, Rev. David Poe.



Recently Sunflower Church honored the memory of Mrs. Lula H. Norris who died June 14, 1969, having been a member of the Sunflower Church since 1924. A plaque and picture in her memory were placed in the Sunday School office where she served over forty years. A ladies' Sunday School class was also named in her memory. Pictured are (left to right) Nancy Bennett, Mrs. Hubert Bennett (daughter), Rev. Gene Henderson, Mrs. Milton Adams, and Hubert Bennett.

Rev. Garland McInnis, pastor of Southside Church, Hattiesburg is home from the hospital after suffering a heart attack, but cannot see visitors yet. Anyone wishing to send him a card of cheer and encouragement may address it to 700 Bernice Avenue, Hattiesburg, Ms. 39401.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Erwin, missionary appointees to Zambia, will attend orientation which begins Jan. 11 at Callaway Gardens (address: P. O. Box 535, Pine Mountain, Ga. 31822). Born in Florence, Ala., Erwin grew up in Tennessee. Mrs. Erwin is the former Veronica (Ronnie) Wheeler of Sandersville, Miss.

Rev. & Mrs. Jerry A. Rankin missionary appointees who have completed orientation at Callaway Gardens near Pine Mountain, Ga., may now be addressed c/o J. I. Rankin, Box 4, Clinton, Miss. 39056. They are scheduled to leave for Indonesia in February. A Mississippian, Rankin was born in Tupelo and grew up in Clinton; Mrs. Rankin, the former Bobbie Simpson, was born in Mobile, Ala., and grew up in Lincoln County, Miss.

Rev. and Mrs. Jerald W. Perrill, missionary appointees who have completed orientation at Callaway Gardens near Pine

Mountain, Ga., may now be addressed at 106 South St., Brookhaven, Miss. 39601. They are scheduled to depart from Laos in February. Perrill was born in Ellsworth, Kan. Mrs. Perrill is the former Elaine Fortenberry of Monticello, Miss.

Rev. and Mrs. Elton P. Gray, missionary associates who have recently completed orientation at Callaway Gardens near Pine Mountain, Ga., are scheduled to leave in January for Okinawa (address: P. O. Box 229, Kozu, Okinawa). He is a native of Loretto, Tenn.; she is the former Dottie Eavenson of Marks, Miss.

Miss Dorothy Latham, missionary, was scheduled to leave Brazil on Dec. 22 for furlough in the States (address: Forkville, Miss. 39076). Miss Latham, a Mississippian, was born in Rose-dale and grew up in Forkville.

Rev. and Mrs. John A. Parker, missionaries, are scheduled to leave Chile about Jan. 15 for furlough in the States (address: 1624 S. Fifth St., Waco, Tex. 76706). He is a native of Lucedale, Miss.; she is the former Ruby Hayden of Pickton, Tex.

Rev. James J. Autry has been called as youth pastor by Byram Church. From Ashland, he is attending Mississippi College. Another step in the youth emphasis at Byram is: A Committee has been appointed to study and help formulate plans for a Youth Activity Building. Rev. Henry J. Bennett is pastor.

Eddie Prather, associate pastor of Yazoo City's First Church for the past two and one-half years has resigned to accept the call of First Church, Union City, Tennessee, to come as minister of education. Mr. Prather is returning to the state from which he came in 1961. During this decade he has served churches in Tupelo, Aberdeen, and Yazoo City. He is currently serving as moderator of Yazoo City Association.

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Off The Record

Let's Be Friends

A woman telephoned a friend and asked how she was feeling.

"Terrible," answered the friend. "My head's splitting, my back is killing me, the house is on fire, and the children are simply driving me crazy."

"Listen," the caller said, "go and lie down. I'll come over right away and cook lunch for you, clean the house, and take care of the children while you get some rest. By the way, how is Sam?"

"Sam?" the complaining housewife asked.

"Yes, your husband."

"I've got no husband named Sam."

"My heavens," gasped the first woman, "I must have dialed the wrong number."

There was a long pause. "Then you're not coming over?" the other woman asked.

Jungle Rot

A big-game hunter was faced with an enormous tiger, 20 feet away. As the tiger was about to spring, the hunter fired his last cartridge and missed; but the tiger sprang too far and landed far beyond the hunter, who ran safely to camp.

The next day the hunter went behind the camp to practice a little shooting at close range. He heard a strange noise in the brush and went to investigate. It was the tiger—practicing short leaps!

Fast Ruck

The door to the local lawyer's private office burst open, and there stood the town butcher.

"If a dog steals a piece of beef from my shop, is the dog's owner liable?" the butcher demanded.

"Of course," replied the lawyer. "Well, your dog came in my shop and ran off with a rolled roast worth five dollars!"

"Indeed?" replied the lawyer calmly. "In that case, just give me twenty more dollars and that will cover my fee."

Entrepreneur

A beggar, with a hat in each hand, approached a prosperous-looking man on the street.

"What's the idea of two hats?" asked the man.

"Business was improving," replied the beggar, "so I opened a branch office."

Handles Payroll For 25 Years

Miss Frances Johnson has handled the payroll and the accounts-payable at Mississippi Baptist Hospital for a quarter of a century—continually.

"The first day I was here," recalls Miss Johnson, "they handed me the payroll and told me to do it—and I've been doing it ever since."

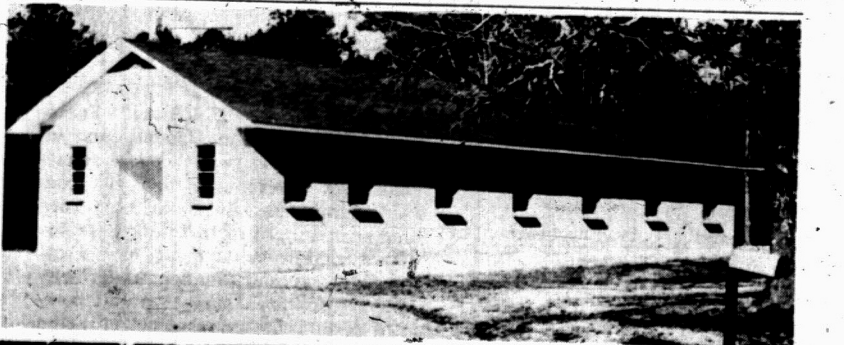
Only three other employees at the hospital have a record of service longer than hers, and the hospital employs a total of 860 people—one of the city's largest payrolls.

Miss Johnson was one of several hospital employees recognized recently for long years of service.

She is a member of the National Hospital Accountants Association and a charter member of the Mississippi Chapter of Hospital Accountants. She was born in West Point, Mississippi, and went to high school there. After four years at Sherwood Musical School in Chicago, she returned to West Point to teach music.

She then worked in Corinth and in Jackson for the Farm Security Administration of the U. S. Department of Agriculture before going to work for Mississippi Baptist Hospital in 1945.

She is active in the Trinity Presbyterian Church, where she served as president of her Sunday School class. She has two brothers living in Jackson.



Bunkley Dedicates New Building

BUNKLEY CHURCH, Meadville, dedicated a new church building (top photo) on December 20. Rev. Maick Walker was guest speaker for the service, singing in the afternoon featured the Sullivan Family. The old church building is shown in the center photo. In bottom picture are Rev. Archie Ezell, pastor, and six men who helped to build the new sanctuary for the 40-member church.